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**WE'RE BACK! The GEM WISHES READERS AND ADVERTISERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND ALL GOOD FORTUNE IN 2018!**

## New Year 'chaos' at Barry Island car parks

by TIM CHAPMAN  
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Some of the closed machines at Nell's Point. Others were not in use at Harbour Road car park.

A LOCAL businessman claimed there was chaos on Barry Island on New Year's Day because the 'pay and display' machines were not working properly in two major car parks.

Mark Vockins, who runs the Quasar attraction, said people were left fuming and confused when they arrived at Nell's Point car park and Harbour Road car park, with visitors

unable to pay cash and having to get debit cards out to make payments over the phone.

He explained: "New Year's Day on the Island is one of the biggest two days of the year - the other is Bonfire Night - and you would think the council would get it right."

"Only one of the four machines was working in the Harbour Road car

park which caused a massive queue to form.

"It was worse in Nell's Point car park where none of the pay and display machines were working. Visitors had to ring the number on the side of the machines and pay over the phone."

"Some people who came to watch the mid-day swim missed it."

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## BRAVING THE COLD WATERS OF 2018!



## The worst year in Judith's life ended with the best Christmas ever

THE weather was foggy, not festively crisp and clear, on December 22, but Judith Dutton said: "It's like the sun is shining on me after the worst year of my life."

Judith, who lives in Barry, suffered a brain haemorrhage five years ago. Over time, and with help, she has adapted her life to deal with this challenge.

Once a keen cyclist and one of a family of lifeguards that keeps swimmers safe on Barry Island she is, among other things, a fundraiser for brain-injury charity Headway.

She is also a photographer, and her rugby photos are often in The GEM.

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Judith Dutton and her son, Leighton.

ABOVE: Barry Island's 'Dash to the Splash' has been going for more than 20 years and seems to get bigger every year. Last year the rains fell, but this year the 'dashers' enjoyed sunshine and blue skies.

Local photographer Andy Wicks captured some of the key moments. (See more pictures on pages 6 and 34).

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## Crumbs! A cracker of a present for Llamau



What a Christmas cracker.

ON December 13, 2017, I invited Llamau Barry, into Asda store for a Christmas get together with coffee and mince pies as they didn't have

## A pensioner's praise for the caring council

HAVING read The GEM (December 14), I was reminded how amazing the folk of Barry are.

As a pensioner of 77 living alone with no family, I would be in residential care without the neighbours who weekly help me put rubbish out and with countless other jobs I find difficult.

I was also touched by the council's response to Louis Ross losing his wedding ring, as earlier in the week a neighbour had dropped her mobile down the drain.

Within 15 minutes, the council workers came round and retrieved it – what a service!

We hear so much negativity about the local council, yet they are still managing to maintain a service, despite the loss of rate support grants and with austerity affecting them profoundly.

Somehow the human spirit prevails, so thanks also to the rubbish collection who are so cheerful, despite a difficult and unpleasant job.

Helen Walker, Barry.

enough funding to have a Christmas party.

On arrival, all the members were treated to mince pies, biscuits, cake and coffee. Once everybody had enjoyed pulling crackers, store manager Richard Jenkins and myself presented them all with a large cracker.

Ady Gratton, one of the volunteers, opened the cracker to reveal they had received from our foundation team a cheque for £4,000.

This will help Llamau and so many young vulnerable people will benefit from this donation. Lynette Griffin, Asda Stores, Barry.

## Local author seeks WWI information

My latest book – *Wales and the First Air War 1914-1918* – was published by Y Lolfa on October 30, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any information related to my current research projects:

**Wales and the last 100 Days of 1918.**  
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## 'WE DO NOT WANT IT'

THE incinerator is an issue that should never have been allowed to go as far as it has for many reasons, and the most important one is that an environmental impact assessment was never carried out.

On that basis alone, Vale Council Planning should never have approved permission to erect this pile of smut-emitting metal within 50 square miles of its current location.

Regardless of how much money has so far been spent on this monstrosity, it can be stopped.

The Welsh Government may insist that the responsibility for granting an environmental permit to operate the Barry incinerator/Biomass UK No2 Ltd gasification unit lies with National Resources Wales, and technically they are right, but what they do not say is that the regulations governing such permits are quite clear: they give Welsh Government ministers power to direct NRW on their decision.

What is more, NRW must comply with any such direction under the law, so in retrospect Carwyn Jones and Welsh Government have a veto over the project which people all over Barry should demand them to implement.

A question has been tabled to the cabinet secretary by Andrew RT Davies AM asking her to do just that.

If this permit is granted, the ultimate blame will lie with the Welsh Government which local people will not forgive.

I would urge Vale taxpayers to write to the First Minister Carwyn Jones outlining the points above and demand he takes action for the benefit of residents in the town.

For good measure, a letter to the First Minister could also be copied in to the cabinet minister for the environment and also the cabinet secretary.

The more letters these people receive, the greater the chance of success in bringing this issue to a more acceptable conclusion for us all.

In short: 'We do not want it!'

**Barrie V Evans,**  
coordinator Barry First Group.

## Ambulance crew works its festive magic, again

ONCE again, the amazing ambulance men, Matt and Lattie, have waved their magic wands and put in a lot of hard work to produce the beautiful Santa's Grotto at Barry Hospital.

These guys work tirelessly to make a difference to other people's lives. I would like them to know their efforts are loved and appreciated by many.

Let's raise our glasses and wish Matt and Lattie a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.  
**Diane Andrews, Barry.**

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JANUARY 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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08 Mon	10.59	9.0	23.32	8.6
09 Tues	11.55	8.4		
10 Wed	00.29	8.0	12.58	8.1
11 Thur	01.39	7.9	14.08	8.0

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# 'Selfless and tireless' – Gay receives a BEM

**A TIRELESS community volunteer in Barry has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year Honours List.**

Gay Fifield (67) has dedicated much of her life to helping others and has received the award for 'services to older people in south Wales'.

She was thrilled to get the news. "I've been on cloud nine. I found out on November 15 when I got a letter from the Cabinet Office."

"It included details of why I was being honoured, and a questionnaire as to whether I was happy for details to go to the media."

Gay's family, husband Paul, daughter Debbie and grand-children Nicole, Joshua and Lexi-Mae, were overjoyed with the news.

It is just reward for the thousands of hours she has put in to help members of the local community.

One of her early voluntary roles was as secretary of Barry Hospital League of Friends.

"Over a 12-year period we raised £60,000-plus for the hospital. We held fetes, Christmas fairs, Easter fairs and received donations from local businesses. Dow Corning was very supportive."

She even persuaded West End musical star Peter Karrie to come over from Somerset to open one hospital fete.

Gay served as a nurse for 33 years before retiring due to ill-health 14 years ago.

"Then, after two years had passed I thought: 'Okay, I can do something now'."

She went to Barry Volunteer Bureau and picked up a book while people carried on working, and when no-one spoke to her she decided to leave.

Gay explained: "I walked out and was going past the Age Concern shop and the café was open."

"I saw a lady I knew and she beckoned me in and said: 'Long time no see. Do you want a coffee?'"

Gay suddenly wondered whether there might be volunteering opportunities there.

"The woman who was running the Good Neighbours scheme Sula Rees was there and I knew her from working at Sully Hospital. We had a chat, going down memory lane. I started straight away with the 'telephone link'."

It involved regularly contacting Age Connect's local clients to check on their needs.

Gay went on to help on the 'Aging Well Project' and founded 'Friends and Neighbours' 10 years ago. It was a follow to Barry Good Neighbours Friendship Group.

Friends and Neighbours meets regularly at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, and now has 60 members. Gay is also responsible for the group's news pieces published in The GEM.

A proud member of Cadroxton WI and West End

Ladies' Guild. Gay has no plans to slow down.

"Not yet, but I did have a rest across the Christmas and New Year period!"

Vale MP Alun Cairns said he was delighted that Gay had been recognised with an honour.

"Her tireless work to improve the lives of those around her is greatly appreciated by all those who are lucky enough to know her."

"I have witnessed Gay build the Friends and Neighbours group from strength to strength, and work tenaciously in the Age Connects shop to provide an invaluable service to some of the most vulnerable members of the community here in Barry."

"Her caring nature and determination to tackle old-age loneliness has touched the lives of so many senior individuals in and around the town."

"Gay is one of the most selfless people I have the pleasure of knowing and I am immensely proud of her for having received this honour. Congratulations Gay!"

On social media people were keen to praise her too. Sheila, Babs and Mary commented: "Congratulations to Gay for being honoured by the Queen and getting the BEM medal. It is very well deserved."

"You work so hard and put your all into everything you do. We all love you for what you do for us."

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Gay Fifield BEM with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

## JUDITH'S BEST-EVER CHRISTMAS



Judith Dutton, grandchildren and her son-in-law collecting for Headfirst at the swim.



Judith Dutton and Dipsy (centre), and other supporters of Headfirst, the Velindre brain tumour appeal.

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In late 2016, Judith featured in the paper when she and the 'Brainy Friends' – a group of brain-injury survivors who met through Headway – were readying themselves for the 2017 Barry Island Swim.

But this, as Judith points out, is not a story about her health.

Rather, the 'worst year of her life' was because of her son's health. In January 2017, Leighton Dutton was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Judith said: "All year, we have had this sword hanging above our heads."

"Things were not looking good for Leighton – he is an otherwise fit man, never smoked, not a drinker – and turned 30 only last year."

"And it was Leighton who revived me and kept me alive after my brain haemorrhage until the paramedics arrived."

Leighton, who works at GE and is a father to two young children, received extensive treatment, which included chemotherapy, at Velindre Hospital.

"It's been touch-and-go all year," said Judith, "and I had been dreading Christmas because of what might have happened."

However, in late December 2017, just before Christmas,

Judith, her son and their family received what she called "the best Christmas present ever".

Judith, with a faint crack in her voice, said: "We had the news we hadn't dared to wish for: Leighton has responded to his treatment during 2017 and the tumour has decreased in size."

To celebrate, Judith, Leighton and others from her family, and from Brainy Friends, took part in the Barry Island Swim on New Year's Day, raising money for Headfirst, the Velindre brain tumour appeal.

Judith said: "Leighton is still being closely monitored, but we are all positive and proud of him and his positive attitude. I have always said odds are there to be beaten! So onwards and upwards for 2018 and a massive thank you to Headfirst at Velindre."

The family made, in the last days before Christmas and the New Year, a mad dash to prepare for a Christmas that has turned from

sorrow to hope, which is what that time of year is all about.

After the swim on New Year's Day, Judith, who took the plunge into the sea, told The GEM: "Please thank everyone for supporting this, including my Brainy Friends, who helped with the bucket collection and one – Steve Ryan – braved the waters with me."

"It was an amazing turn-out and I am humbled by the people old and young showing their support. We have not finished totting up all the donations – and people can still donate on JustGiving – but we are over the £1,000 mark."

For details on how to donate to the Velindre brain tumour appeal, visit: [www.JustGiving.com/acount/your-pages/Judith-Dutton](http://www.JustGiving.com/acount/your-pages/Judith-Dutton) or to donate by text, send a message to 70070 using the reference NYDS87 followed by the £ symbol with the amount to be donated.

## Casualty cut free after collision

**A COLLISION involving a bus and lorry in the centre of Barry led to five people being taken to hospital.**

The incident took place at just before 9pm on Wednesday, December 27.

Four ambulances, a doctor, the Fire Service and police attended the scene.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service's group manager Christian Hadfield, who was officer in charge of the incident, said: "The service received a call at 20.47 on December 27, reporting a road traffic collision involving a lorry and a bus on Wyndham Street in Barry."

"Crews from Barry, Penarth and Ely were in attendance and extricated one casualty using a long board and cutting equipment."

"Crews worked closely with the paramedics on the scene to ensure clinical care was given to all five casualties, who were then passed into their care."

He added: "As a service, we would like to remind all road users of the fatal five messaging: always wear a seatbelt, never drive while using a mobile phone, under the influence of drink or drugs and use appropriate road speeds at all times, especially in icy and wet conditions that we have experienced in recent days."

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# Primary School pupils take the lead at National Museum



A GROUP of year-6 pupils from Albert Primary School in Penarth have recently had the opportunity to work with the National Museum Cardiff, to create guided tours for children and families around the galleries as part of Kids in Museums Takeover Day in November.

The children, with the help from staff at the National Museum, created what a spokesperson described as an "...informative and fun tour of the many art galleries."

They were given the opportunity to go behind the scenes of the museum and spend time taking an up close and personal look at the artwork on display and learning all about them.

The culmination of all their work involved the pupils presenting their tour to families on the museum's families open day.

The spokesperson continued: "A huge thank you must go to the National Museum's education department for giving the pupils the an opportunity to work with them continuing their partnership by working together on other projects."

On the rocks with Albert Primary pupils at the National Museum of Wales.

## Cemetery Road project is on track

UPGRADED plans have been unveiled for the long-awaited Cemetery Road project in Barry.

The project is a two-stage plan to deliver a new park as well as a new community building at the site located in Dyfan Ward.

Local councillor Leighton Rowlands told The GEM he was delighted that the council was delivering what the community had been waiting on for so long. "This patch of land has so much potential which will now be realised thanks to these upgraded plans."

"The investment project that has been announced will be pivotal in the development of the area and will provide local residents with much needed amenities."

The original plans fell



Cllr Rowlands says the full potential of the area will be realised at last.

short of just over £90,000 meaning that only the park would be developed, without the additional community building.

But following an agreement that this was an inadequate outcome for the project, a further £124,000 has been added

to the budget by the Vale Council, allowing work on the centre to go ahead.

The project board met recently and agreed the new layout which will be submitted to the planning department for planning consent. The plans could go out to tender in early 2018.

## Sky Notes for January

by Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society

**WEATHER** permitting, January is the month to wrap up warm, get outside away from artificial light, and enjoy a Moon-free sky when you will find an abundance of things to see just by looking up.

Familiar constellations such as Ursa Major lie close to the Northern horizon and the main groups that dominated our summer skies are also very low down, close to the north-western horizon.

High overhead we find Perseus and Auriga. Both of these constellations are close to the Milky Way arm of our Galaxy and anyone who checks out this area with a small pair of binoculars will find much to occupy their time.

Open clusters abound and now is the time to appreciate the different colours of individual stars. Then we have Taurus and its two legendary open clusters, the Hyades and the Pleiades, both of which are visible to the naked eye.

This would be enough for any observer, but one of the finest constellations is now rising above the south-eastern horizon and it is, of course, the wonderful Orion.

To locate it, first find the bright orange star Aldebaran, marking the V-shape pattern of the Hyades cluster. Now look towards the left and slightly lower, Orion is one constellation that looks like something it is supposed to represent – a man, in fact a hunter.

The main outline of the man sees two bright stars marking the shoulders, the left star is unmistakable, the colour is orange/red and goes by the name of Betelgeuse.

It is one of the brightest of our naked eye stars, and is a real supergiant; so big, it would swallow our Sun many times over. The right shoulder star is called Bellatrix and is white.

From the shoulder we drop to the waist and here we find three bright stars, forming the hunter's belt looking close together; these three white stars, from the left hand side, are known as Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka.

Gaze lower still and we locate the hunter's feet. The left foot is marked by the white star Saiph, while the right foot is marked by the brilliant white star Rigel. This star is about 60,000 times as luminous as our Sun. Anyone who has trouble distinguishing the

colours should look at Betelgeuse and Rigel. The difference is unmistakable.

Have you ever wondered where the stars come from? They are born in massive clouds of gas and dust and we sometimes call these places stellar nurseries.

One of the easiest to spot is marked by the three stars that make up Orion's belt.

With the naked eye or a pair of binoculars, first focus your gaze on the three stars, then carefully drop your gaze straight down until you notice a fuzzy bright blob: this is the Orion Nebula. On a good night it is seen with the naked eye, sometimes known as M42/43. It is also sometimes called the sword handle, hanging from the hunters belt.

The stars you see embedded in the cloud are very young and as they switch on they light up the nebula for all to see. The nebula is thought to lie about 1,000 light years away, and is one of many.

When you have done all of the above, use the three belt stars and look to the left and towards the horizon you should spot one bright star that may appear to flash different colours. This star is called Sirius and is the brightest star in the

sky. It marks another constellation Canis Major. The star is white, and the flashing is due solely because its light must travel through our thick atmosphere.

It lies about eight light years away and is one of the nearest stars to us. When we view with powerful telescopes we see that Sirius is in fact a double star. It has a very faint companion known as a white dwarf. This is an old star and, our Sun will, at the end of its life, become a white dwarf.

On January 26 our Moon forms a triangle with the Pleiades and Hyades, and the following night it lies to the left of Aldebaran. We will also see two full Moons this month.

On January 2 a so-called Super moon and then on the 31st another, which we call a Blue Moon.

Please do check the website of the Barry Astronomical Society for details of when we meet and the nights we can be found at our observing site at Porthkerry park. I will be happy to point out the delights of our winter sky.

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Dave Powell

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## Vale Council apologises after confusion at Island car parks



**Boulders at Nell's Point blocked parking spaces in the car park.**

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With machines closed, Mark said some people wondered whether it was free parking, but they were uncertain because notices warn people that if tickets are not purchased they could be liable to a £70 fine.

Mark found out about the problem when he spoke to a couple on the Island who are regular visitors with their dogs, and they told him they had parked at Harbour Road car park

and there were large queues developing.

He went to both car parks and found at Harbour Road car park one of the four machines working, at Nell's Point none of the five were in use.

He said a council worker told him at Nell's Point that the machines had gone down and they had had to lock them up, and it was free parking.

"I said: 'Where does it say that?'"

He pointed out that it was unfair to those

paying at Harbour Road.

He added that he was also amazed that 250 parking spaces were blocked off at Nell's Point car park by big boulders which meant there was a knock-on around the Island with visitors parking in residential areas and on pavements.

"Most of us like to start the New Year on a good feeling, but not the Vale Council. They caused chaos and anger.

"It was very disappointing for some visitors and for local traders."

Mike Clogg, Vale Council operational manager for highways and engineering, said the council was aware of recent issues relating to the car parking machines at Barry Island and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

He explained: "Council officers were on site to assist people looking to leave their cars for the New Year's Day swim.

Unfortunately, the staff present were unable to resolve all problems so the machines were closed and visitors advised that there would be no parking charges that day.

"Two of the machines in each car park at Barry Island are now operational and the council's specialist maintenance contractor staff are working to ensure others will be too in the near future.

"Customers are reminded that there are a variety of methods to pay for parking in the council's coastal car parks. These include cash, by phone, text and smartphone app, details of which can be found at

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Parking/Coastal-Car-Parking-Charges.aspx".

## Barry Dock RNLI seeks volunteer press officer

**BARRY Dock RNLI is issuing its own call for help as it looks for a new volunteer press officer to join the station team.**

Martin Bowmer, coxswain at Barry Dock RNLI, said: "Just as the RNLI relies on volunteers to crew its lifeboats, we also rely on a network of volunteers nationally to tell the media and the public about what we do.

"You do not have to have had any formal media or communications experience as such, or to have performed a similar role before, you just need to be enthusiastic and willing to learn. The RNLI's Media Engagement team will provide all the training and support needed and there will be someone from the RNLI

available on the phone 24/7 to provide help and guidance."

The volunteer press officer role may take up between one and five hours a week, depending on operational activity, and can be managed around the right candidate's own commitments.

Apply online at [www.rnli.org/volroles](http://www.rnli.org/volroles). For further information about the application process or volunteering with the RNLI, contact the RNLI's Volunteering Team on 01202 663346 or [volunteering@rnli.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@rnli.org.uk) or for more information on the role or Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station, contact RNLI Regional Media Officer Chris Cousens on 07748 265496 or [chris\\_cousens@rnli.org.uk](mailto:chris_cousens@rnli.org.uk).

## Generous response after Christmas Day fire

**GENEROUS local people have raised over £800 to help the Mohammed family following the fire that ripped through their house in Barry on Christmas Day.**

The blaze took place at Merganser Court, off Thompson Street.

The family escaped injury, and emergency accommodation has been found for them.

A fundraising page was quickly set up. So far, 54 people have dipped their hands in their pockets, and the total stands at £842.

Donations can be made at [gofundme.com/8zxh5m-house-fire-christmas-day](http://gofundme.com/8zxh5m-house-fire-christmas-day).

## Roof removed due to storm damage

**AS high winds began to buffet the south Wales coast, the Fire Service was called to a Barry property on Tuesday to make it safe.**

A spokeswoman explained: "Barry crews removed a flat roof from a property in Gibbonsdown at 1.14am when it became dangerously loose due to storm damage. The occupiers were taken to safety."

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## Donations sought to fund woman's voluntary work in India

**A YOUNG Barry woman's New Year resolution is to go on a voluntary overseas placement in India.**

To be able to realise her aim, Cuiying Ma, also known as Tracey, needs to raise funds towards the trip.

She has just completed two years of studies in French and economics at the University of Sheffield, and told The GEM she had always harboured an interest in voluntary work.

"During my time at university, I was involved in a social enterprise organisation called Enactus which aims to empower people in need through 'enterprise in a sustainable matter'.

"Therefore, I have taken a year out of university to apply to International Citizen Service.

"In October, I was honoured to be selected as a volunteer overseas with Voluntary Service Overseas on an ICS placement in a small community called Jalgao in India.

"I will be working with the rural poor on issues relating to their livelihoods and natural resource management as



**Cuiying Ma is hoping to take on a voluntary role in India.**

well as tackling other issues like gender equality and access to education.

"I will be living with a host family for 10 weeks and I will be working with the local community empowering them by teaching leadership skills to create a lasting difference to their local community."

As part of the placement, Tracey needs to raise £800 which will fund the cost of the programme and enable them to send more volunteers in the future.

ICS is funded by HM Government. For detailed information Enactus or ICS, search on the internet. For details of Tracey's plans, visit [www.justgiving.com/cyma](http://www.justgiving.com/cyma).

## Aberthaw House Hotel's 'Jumper Day' for charity



**Helen (the proprietor of Aberthaw House and Whispers Tapas) and waiter Frankie, holding the classic carol challenge.**

**A B E R T H A W House Hotel held a Christmas jumper day charity event in aid of Save the Children.**

Regulars donated money and people took part in Save the Children's 'make Christmas better with a sweater campaign'.

Originally, £112 was raised between December 15 and December 23, but an extra £26 was added thanks to six-year-old Seth Donovan who gave back his winnings from a carol game.

A spokeswoman said: "What a brilliant thing for a little boy to do. He knew there were others in more need than him."



**The New Year's day swim drew another bumper crowd - see more pictures on pages 6 and 34.**

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# A bracing start to 2018

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FROM near and far, from young to old, they came in their droves to Whitmore Bay Barry Island for the New Year's Day swim, and what a way to blow out the old year – as well as the odd hangover – and welcome the new one.

Some festive funsters came as Elvis, others as characters from *Dr Who*, *Tellytubbies* or *The Little Mermaid*. Some donned their best Batman Y-fronts and came as they were (eyes right).

Many braved the less-than-warm waters to raise monies for their own chosen causes (see Judith Dutton's story on Page 1), both local and national.

More photographs on Page 34.



## THE SULLY U3A GROUP LOOKS FORWARD TO A VERY BUSY YEAR

**HAVE** you read about Sully U3A's successful monthly meetings and wondered what exactly Sully U3A is?

The U3A is a self-help organisation. It is open to all in their 'third age' which is defined not by a particular age, but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased.

Learning is for its own sake, with no qualifications or awards; enjoyment is the prime motive.

There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers, and they are all U3A members. It provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment.

Sully U3A is a charity which is run entirely by volunteers and draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups, in accordance with the wishes of the membership.

In addition to interest group meetings, the general membership gathers on the second Thursday of each month to hear a presentation from a guest speaker. Topics covered have included 'Living as a

Paramedic in Guatemala', 'Wales Land of Song', 'Art and the Working Artist' and 'The Davies Sisters'.

Sully U3A offers membership of nearly 40 interest groups. These meet regularly at monthly, fortnightly or weekly intervals. Some groups develop knowledge and skill, learning a language or a musical instrument. Other groups share ideas and techniques enabling members to make progress both teaching and learning.

Some groups are more recreational, simply enjoying activities such as sports, walking and lunching. There is usually no minimum level of knowledge or skill, as members work or play at their own level.

Current interest groups include: book club, calligraphy, computing, gardening, knitters and stitchers, wine appreciation and creative writing.

Physical activities include badminton, croquet, ice skating, *pétanque* and table tennis. More specific learning activities include languages, musical instruments and photography.

The membership is drawn from various places, not just Sully itself. Members come from Penarth, Dinas Powys, Barry, Cardiff,

Llandough, Rhosce, Wenvoe and a number of other settlements around the Vale.

At a very successful Christmas social, members enjoyed festive food and drink served by the committee, finishing the enjoyable afternoon with singing carols accompanied by Rosemary Cook. Sully U3A is looking forward to 2018 with optimism.

Chairman Dai Jones said: "We have a number of interesting speakers lined up for the next few months and we are hoping to start a few new interesting groups soon."

Members can re-join and pay their annual subscription at 1.30pm on Thursday, January 11 at the Old School in Sully. At the same time, new members will be welcome to join.

There is no extra cost for interest group membership (other than the cost of room hire or consumables). Dai Jones issues the invitation: "Come and see what we can offer you."

For specific information about Sully U3A, email [enquiries@sullyu3a.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sullyu3a.co.uk) or telephone the membership secretary, Janet, on (029) 2053 0034.

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## Tally ho! WWII Axis fighters on menu for aviation buffs

**ON December 13, the Penarth Aviation Society held its annual Christmas social at the Penarth Conservative Club when, remarked a spokesperson, "an excellent evening's entertainment was had by all".**

Thanks are given to all the members who helped with the organisation of the event.

This coming Friday, January 5, the society will meet at the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm. Member Tony Clements will follow up last month's talk on British and American fighters of World War Two with a look at the opposition.

He will talk on aircraft from the Soviet Union, other Allied forces and Axis fighters.

As before, Tony will give what he describes as 'a layman's appreciation

of the aircraft' and will show pictures of the aircraft and give further details, such as numbers produced and how successful the aircraft was.

Our engine expert Lawrence Ferris will be on hand to help out if necessary with technical details.

Why not join the society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club.

Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, for a small donation, to sample our hospitality. Further information may be found on our website [www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](http://www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk).

Facebook page [www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk) and from our secretary, Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.



# 'Don't buy high-powered cars for young men, and fit dash cams, says police officer Two men jailed for causing the death of young mother

Two racing motorists were jailed on Friday, December 22, for causing the death of a young mother.

Jamie Oaten, 23, pleaded guilty to causing the death of Jenna Miller after his Audi A5 ploughed into her car as she left a petrol station on Cardiff Road, Barry, on September 27, 2016.

Joseph Fettah, 20, who was engaged in a high-speed "impromptu race" with Oaten at the time of the collision, denied the same charge, but was found guilty following a trial last month.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Oaten, from Barry, was sentenced to three years and nine months' imprisonment, and Fettah, from Rhosce, was sentenced to five years.

Both were also handed seven-and-a-half-year driving bans.

Following sentencing, Mrs Miller's family said: "We are still devastated at the sudden and tragic manner in which we lost our beautiful Jenna."

"She was an entirely innocent victim and clearly in the wrong place at the wrong time

when her path crossed with these two 'boy racers' whose selfish, immature and arrogant behaviour in deciding to race their cars on a public road resulted in such devastation.

"Fettah even tried to argue that he was not involved in the incident but we are pleased that a jury found him just as guilty as Oaten for causing Jenna's death by dangerous driving."

"We wish to express our gratitude to all persons who tried in vain to help Jenna on the night as well as the many witnesses who subsequently attended the court trial to give evidence in difficult circumstances."

"We also wish to thank the South Wales and Gwent police forces and the Crown Prosecution Service for their detailed investigation which has resulted in a successful end to proceedings."

"It's heartbreaking that two young boys, through no fault of their own, now have to grow up without the mum they idolised. We are totally committed to bringing the boys up so that they develop into decent young men who Jenna

caused."



Jamie Oaten.



Joseph Fettah.

would have been proud of.

"Finally, we hope that the lengthy prison terms handed down to Oaten and Fettah give them the opportunity to reflect on the heartache and devastation they have caused."

Senior Investigating Officer, Sergeant Chris Grey, from South Wales Police, said: "This is a tragic case which has had a huge impact on so many lives, particularly those of Jenna Miller's young sons, who will now have to grow up without their mother."

"Jamie Oaten and Joseph Fettah will now spend a considerable time in prison, where I sincerely hope they use the time to reflect on the devastation their selfish and reckless actions have caused."

"Joseph Fettah protested his innocence throughout the court proceedings, maintaining that he couldn't have been responsible for Mrs Miller's death as his car wasn't involved at the point of impact."

"However, the evidence clearly showed that his actions in the moments before the collision were instrumental in contributing to the tragedy. Any driver who gets behind the wheel of a vehicle and drives in the manner he and Oaten did is, without question, putting their own life and the lives of other road users in grave danger."

"I hope this case sends a stark message to other motorists who fail to recognise how lethal a vehicle can be when in the control of an

irresponsible driver."

"Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among people aged between 15 and 29 years and I'd appeal to parents of young drivers to share the responsibility of the emergency services and road safety charities in better educating our young road users."

"I'd urge parents to ask themselves whether buying a powerful car for an inexperienced young driver is really a sensible option. The staggering power of the two vehicles involved in this case was a significant factor allowing them to reach motorway speeds in seconds."

"Ask yourself how often your loved ones are changing their brake pads and tyres, and encourage them to inspect their cars regularly for damage."

"I'd also encourage parents to consider options such as fitting black boxes and dash cams which – as well as lowering insurance premiums and providing peace of mind for parents – will encourage young drivers to be more aware, more cautious and more respectful of the road and other road users."

## Loved ones were remembered on Christmas Eve

RIGHT: Barry Mayor Nic Hodges.

CHRISTMAS Eve was a very busy time at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery with many people remembering loved ones buried there.

The candle lighting event at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel is now in its 11th year.

Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, who organises and runs the event with his wife Shirley, was very pleased to extend a warm welcome to everyone who lit a candle in memory of a loved one.

He said: "Christmas can be a very difficult time, we all really miss the people we love who won't be there to share Christmas Day."

"Thank you for the kind donations of £380 which will be split between my chosen charities, Ty Hafan and The British Heart Foundation."

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## Club looks for new treasurer

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming club is looking for a new volunteer treasurer.

This important committee role involves: producing financial reports for committee meetings; producing end of year statements; paying in invoices, occasionally banking money and the management of an annual budget of £18,000.

Hours are flexible but usually amount to about one hour per week.

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# Diarrhoea, flatulence or abdominal pain?

## The riddle of recurring intestinal problems

The cause of recurring intestinal problems often resembles a guessing game – for doctors as well as for people affected. Recently, research has shown: in many cases the reason is an irritated bowel, the so called, Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Fortunately, there is a promising relief called Kijimea IBS. And it is now available in the UK.

For a very long time, the causes of recurring intestinal problems were a mystery to scientists. Recently, they found a possible answer: symptoms such as diarrhoea, bloating, flatulence or abdominal pain could be a sign for an irritated bowel, the so called Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Today, experts are increasingly convinced that IBS may be caused by small damages in the intestinal barrier. These might allow pollutants and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall, triggering the typical IBS symptoms.

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## It's the New Year: **be inspired to create a new workspace**



*Inspired people co-working in new, innovative flexible workspaces.*

**T**HE Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team is inviting readers to an 'Inspiring New Workspaces Event' on Wednesday, January 17 at 5.30pm at St Donats Arts Centre.

The event will bring together property owners and businesses looking for new workspaces to learn more about developing 'new, innovative flexible workspaces'.

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

The event follows on the

team's research into exploring opportunities for bringing redundant and underused buildings in the rural Vale back into use for business purposes, as well as finding out the views of small business owners into their workspace needs.

Feedback to the online surveys suggests that there are landowners in the rural Vale who are unsure what to do with their derelict buildings as well as businesses struggling to find appropriate flexible workspaces.

There is, a spokesperson reports, a growing appetite for creating 'co-working spaces' in the Vale to allow businesses to collaborate and learn from each other.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning, said: "The Council wants to ensure that there is a range of workspace available in the Vale. The conversion and

renovation of rural buildings for rural enterprise provides opportunities to expand the workspace offered.

"The event provides an ideal opportunity to learn from our panel of experts who have taken the plunge to transform spaces into pioneering workspaces."

The event will be a networking opportunity to meet people who have converted redundant spaces, those who may be potentially interested in looking for workspace and other stakeholders such as planners within the Council.

If you would like to attend, please register with Clair Bonter on 01446 704828. For more information about the project is available at [www.creativeruralcommunities.gov.uk](http://www.creativeruralcommunities.gov.uk)

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## GETTING RATTY IN COSMESTON!



*ABOVE: Members of the Cosmeston Volunteer Group.*

**COSMESTON Volunteer Group** have been out bright and early in the mornings to check the water vole survey rafts'.

A Vale Council spokesperson explained: "Rafts are placed and moved around the lake and when water voles walk over them, they leave impressions in the clay. This allows us to monitor which areas they use."

## National Trust members January and volunteers

The Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers is holding its January meeting in the morning, rather than its usual evening time.

It takes place at 11 am on Wednesday, January 17, at The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

Lunch will be available after the

talk, and new members are always welcome; the membership year commences on January 1.

The talk – given by John Oliver and Jacqueline Walters, who are Dyffryn volunteers – will be about Henry Ellis Collins, who leased Dyffryn House after the Bruce-Pryce family left and lived there before John Cory purchased it from them.

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# 'MAY 2018 BRING NEW HOPE AND PEACE TO THE WORLD'

**I**WOULD like to thank all those who organised wonderful concerts, services and parties across the Vale of Glamorgan in schools, churches, voluntary groups, care homes and choirs, sharing the Christmas message of peace and hope to all.

This Christmas we have been thinking about the children of Grenfell Tower who lost family, friends and neighbours in the horrific fire that engulfed their homes last year. They had the courage to broadcast a Christmas message for us all:

'Love and respect each other because you never know what tomorrow will be like.'

There was a spirit of love and respect at my recent 'Welcome' party for Syrian refugee families in Barry and I thank all those who supported the event, including the Rainbow Group, Citizens Cymru, councillors, youth workers and the Big Wrap, who distributed hundreds of presents to children in need before Christmas.

Enjoying my new role in the Assembly has given me many

opportunities to speak up for Barry, the Vale and the campaigns I have been supporting for decades – many of which took me into politics and still need active support.

Eliminating violence against women and girls is at the top of my priorities as we mark 40 years of Welsh Women's Aid on January 25 (St Dwynwen's Day) at the Pierhead Building in Cardiff Bay.

I was the first coordinator of Welsh Women's Aid when there were only a handful of refuges in Wales. At the end of November last year, I marched to Llandaff Cathedral to mark White Ribbon Day with a multi-faith service which has now become an annual event.

The First Minister positively responded to my questions about Welsh Government ongoing support to tackle violence against women, with a renewed focus on the impact of the Violence against Women and Domestic Abuse Act.

I am honoured to accept invitations to become a patron of Atal y Fro in the Vale and also BAWSO a Wales wide organisation – both are leading the way in tackling domestic violence.

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

We know how much more needs to be done when we are reminded of the statistics:

- Every week, two women are killed by their partner or ex partner in Wales and England.

- At least 13 women in Wales were killed or suspected to have been killed by men (2016).

- 1,221 children or young people stayed in a refuge after their parent fled domestic abuse.

Supporting Shelter was one of the first campaigns I was involved in as a student and many will remember 'Cathy Come Home'. We must not let the scourge of homelessness blight lives – especially the lives of children and young people. The 'End

Youth Homelessness Campaign' got a huge boost with the announcement of an extra £10m to target youth homelessness in the final Welsh Government Budget for 2018-19, in addition to the £20m to tackle homelessness announced in the draft budget in October.

The work of Llamau – supporting young people in housing need – is vitally important and local authorities will also benefit from this funding to meet housing need and the extra £20m for local government announced on December 19 by Mark Drakeford, Cabinet Secretary for Finance will be a welcome boost to support our local public services. Last year, they supported 8,144 young people facing homelessness and have a base in Barry.

At a local level, I have published my objection to the Barry Biomass Incinerator in response to the latest round of Public Consultation by NRW and hope it will contribute to the strengthening evidence against this blight on our town.

In support of DIAG and all those who join me in opposing the incinerator, I hope we

can make an impact with our objections in this eight-week period of consultation. See my website/facebook pages for my objection.

In wishing my constituents a happy and peaceful New Year, can I assure you that I am full of energy, spirit and renewed determination to make this world a fairer place. I will make the most of my new role in the Assembly serving on the Finance and External Affairs Committees and taking part in cross-party groups and campaigns, including supporting Barry Town Council's bid to become the first Real Living Wage Town in Wales.

In the autumn of 2017, thousands of people came to the Senedd to see the Red Poppy display cascading from the windows down the steps into the Bay. Visitors also viewed the Wales for Peace/Cymru Dros Heddych display featured in my surgery calendar this year.

This is what I hope for in 2018; that Wales can lead the way in promoting peace and hope, especially for those in need in our communities.

## YOUR CHILD CAN WIN A SCHOLARSHIP TO AN AMAZING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

**P**ROSPECTIVE pupils and parents in the area can now apply for a scholarship to study at one of the most prestigious independent schools in Wales.

Kings Monkton School in Cardiff, which has been providing a first-class education for more than 150 years, is one of the top schools in Wales, and has been declared 'exceptional' by Estyn, an independent education governing body.

The school opened its state-of-the-art sixth form facility earlier this year, with its first cohort of sixth form pupils experiencing immense A-Level success in the summer.

The school's results were far higher than the national average, and 88 per cent of its pupils achieved a pass rate of A\* to B.

There are multiple scholarships available at Kings Monkton, each covering up to 50 per cent of a pupil's fees for the entirety of their education at the school.

Scholarships are available for pupils starting year-3, 6, 10 or year-12 in September 2018, and will be awarded to pupils who demonstrate exceptional capabilities or talents within a specific educational field.

For those in key stage 2 and 3, pupils or prospective pupils can sit exams for scholarships in maths and English. For those commencing GCSE study or post-16 qualifications such as A-Levels, pupils can sit exams for scholarships in their chosen subjects.

The scholarship exams will take place on Saturday, January 27, at the school. Applications are to be made through the school's main office, and are open until Wednesday, January 24.

Kings Monkton provides a diverse curriculum, which currently includes subjects such as Mandarin, global perspectives and computer science, as well as a vast array of extra-curricular learning opportunities and one-to-one teaching. Sixth-form pupils have

engaged with the school's pioneering co-curriculum this term, inspired by the world-renowned International Baccalaureate, incorporating four distinct 'learning pathways' of business and law, education and humanities, natural sciences, and the creative arts. The curriculum is designed to thoroughly prepare students for university and careers in a variety of fields, and this year saw graduate Karan Mann progress to study medicine at Keele University with straight A\*s and A grades.

Dan Harding, another Kings Monkton graduate, is supporting local communities in Cambodia with a charity before commencing study of economics at university next year.

Education goes beyond the classroom at Kings Monkton School. This year, Kings Monkton was the first school in Wales to loan a rare collection of moon rocks and meteorites for an interactive workshop in one of its science labs. The school has also built a professional kitchen, introducing extra-curricular cooking classes and a food technology qualification for its pupils. Kings Monkton engages with a variety of community outreach programmes, and this year its pupils produced a selection of artwork and Christmas hampers for children staying at Ronald McDonald House in University Hospital Wales.

Paul Norton, principal, said: "These scholarships are a fantastic opportunity for gifted young people looking to study somewhere special. We are passionate about providing a world-class educational experience for pupils of all abilities at Kings Monkton. Lessons here are insightful, teachers inspirational, and each pupil receives the emotional support they need to flourish."

Kings Monkton School welcomes visits from prospective pupils all year round. For more information, visit: [www.kingsmonkton.org.uk](http://www.kingsmonkton.org.uk) or call 02920 482854.

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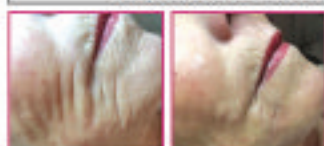
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# 'Major Trauma Network' consultation will be ending soon

PEOPLE are being reminded that the deadline to have their say on the proposals to develop a major trauma network for south Wales, which includes south and west Wales and south Powys, approaches.

The consultation period, which will run for 12 weeks, will close at 9am on February 5. During the consultation period, the proposals are being made

available for the public to review at a series of local public meetings across the region. The times and venues for these events are being publicised locally through the region's health board websites.

As part of the consultation period, members of the public in the region are invited to submit their comments and opinions on the proposals.

The detailed proposals are contained in the public consultation document 'A Major Trauma Network for south and west Wales and south Powys' which will be widely available across the region and available to anyone who requests a copy.

More information and the proposals for developing a major trauma network for the region can be downloaded from [www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation](http://www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation), where there is also the opportunity to respond on the proposals.

Paper copies of the full document are available on request from: [NHSWHC.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:NHSWHC.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk).

GEM readers are invited to send their thoughts on these proposals to the newspaper. Please include full contact details and send to [editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk).

## Living well with arthritis

A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry and will meet at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

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**LOCAL Challenge Wales thanked its volunteers for their continued support at a festive volunteers' evening held at Pier 64, Penarth Marina.**

In 2017, Challenge Wales volunteers donated no fewer than 14,500 hours of their time to Wales' Tall Ships, helping and mentoring young people through accredited onboard learning activities, overseas and local adventures enabling all abilities to develop and improve their employability skills.

During the evening Vicky Williams, trustee of Challenge Wales, shared many successful moments with volunteers and guests.

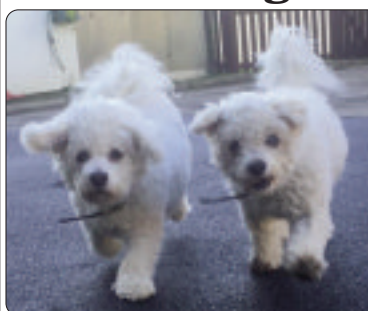
In particular, visiting 14 countries during the summer was an epic adventure for Challenge

Wales but knowing that the boat was being crewed by young people who had faced bereavement, personal setbacks, life-threatening illness and other disadvantages made the voyages more memorable and rewarding for volunteers.

Over the year, the charity and its volunteers have also worked with young people who have low literacy, are homeless or at risk of homelessness or have learning disabilities as part of its successful 'Voyages of Discovery' programme which is set to continue into 2018.

Although many of the volunteers help on board Challenge Wales, the evening was an opportunity for trustees to thank all volunteers including those shore-side and behind the scenes who help with fundraising and raising awareness of the charity. CS

## Could you love a pair of old dogs?



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need to take things slower.

Paddy and Penny are a pair of 10-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniels who are extremely close. They found themselves in the care of Dogs Trust Bridgend due to their owner's ill health. Despite their age, they both enjoy their walks and would make suitable companions in quiet households.

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# Bro Radio open day on January 17

**AS we welcome in 2018, everyone at Bro Radio would like to wish you a Happy New Year.**

Welcome to our first column in The Glamorgan GEM. I want to introduce you to Bro Radio and tell you a little about the work that we do in the Vale.

For those who have not heard of us, we are the local radio station covering the eastern Vale on 98.1fm in Barry, Sully, Dinas Powys and parts of Rhosse and Penarth.

We are also available online at [broradio.fm](http://broradio.fm), on your mobile and via Google Home and Alexa enabled devices.

We broadcast a schedule of programmes throughout the week, featuring a wide range of

genres including reggae, rock and dance shows, with our daytime programmes featuring a range of music from the 70s right through to the present day.

Our daytime schedule also includes our weekday chat show, Geoff and Guests, which gives local organisations and charities the opportunity to talk about local issues and topics and also provides advice and promotes local events.

Our service is created by a team of 37 local volunteers, who work on air and behind the scenes to inform, educate, entertain and engage with our community.

Bro Radio has an open door policy, meaning no matter your age, background or ability you can get



by **NATHAN SPACKMAN**,  
operations manager at Bro Radio

involved and volunteer with us.

All of our volunteers receive full training in our industry standard broadcast studios at YMCA

Barry with our training programme aiming to teach new skills and increase confidence, whilst helping to improve our volunteers' employability and social inclusion.

On January 17 we will be holding an open day to allow you to come and find out more about Bro Radio, what we do and how you can be part of the future of our organisation.

The open day runs from 10am-7pm and is open to members of the public, local business people, organisations and anyone who wants to find out more about what we do.

If you're interested in meeting the team and finding out more, then please join us on January 17 or find out more information at [www.broradio.fm](http://www.broradio.fm).

## INSOLES INTEREST THE RAMBLERS

**PENARTH and District Ramblers** were able to enjoy a pre-Christmas and post-Christmas walk in dry weather with the first being led by Rachel, who took her group of 23 walkers to view some of the hidden gems in the City of Cardiff.

Beginning from St Fagans village and making their way to join part of the Ely trail beside the river, a man-made track led them into Fairwater and a blue plaque on a wall where Roald Dahl was born.

Their second surprise was the delightful Insole Court, saved from destruction where the mansion and grounds, once belonging to the rich Insole family, was opened to the public in September this year, with more restoration and conservation being carried out under the direction of the Insole Court Trust.

After enjoying mulled wine and home-made mince pies on the front terrace, they journeyed on past an almost hidden Cold War bunker which would have housed essential service people and politicians, and from where Cardiff would have been run after a nuclear attack.

Following the route of the old disused Llantrisant and Taff Vale Railway line and heading over and under fallen trees, an entry into fields signalled a stop for lunch.

Heading through fields to slosh through boggy waterlogged and muddy tracks at Pentreban Farm, some road walking brought them onto a huge meadow at the rear of St Fagans where part of the Battle of St Fagans was fought on May 8, 1648, when the Royalist Army were routed by the Parliamentarians.

More boggy tracks led them back to their start for a Christmas natter at the Plymouth Arms before the journey home.

In order to walk off the Christmas pudding and other delights of the festive season, Ann led her annual walk around Cardiff Bay on a beautiful sunny but cold morning which attracted

a group of 15 walkers along with dogs Bracken and Bronte.

Heading along pavements and downhill to cross the people's bridge of Pont Y Werin over the River Ely, the route led on through Watkiss Way and along the boardwalk on the western side of Cardiff Bay to cross Clarence Road Bridge into Hamadryad Park.

Making their way into and through the Wetlands Reserve and circumnavigating St David's Hotel, the coffee houses of the almost deserted Mermaid Quay beckoned.

Regrouping outside the magnificent terracotta Pierhead building (built in 1897) and tramping on past the Senedd, the Norwegian Church, the Scott Memorial and a Cardiff sight-seeing tour bus and onto the very open walkway into a cool headwind across the Cardiff Barrage, a bridge at the Penarth Marina led them onto John Batchelor Way to retrace their steps, this time uphill and back to Cogan after a delightful and uplifting morning walk.

On January 6, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate circular walk

from Rhossili with lunch half-way round at the King's Head in Llangennith; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

To follow the group, log onto [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com) or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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## Vale AM to highlight work of 'Purple Shoots'

**THE "microfinance" lender Purple Shoots is launching a new drive for business supporters in the New Year.**

The Pontypridd-based charity was established four years ago with a philanthropic gift and has continued its work thanks to angel investors and donations.

So far, it has helped start more than 300 new businesses in Wales, investing more than £830,000 in 365 loans.

A Purple Shoots spokesperson said: "It is estimated the loans have benefited the Welsh economy by more than £8 million.

"Most of the loans are made to people on benefits, helping them to start a business and setting them on a path towards being free of the benefits system and helping their communities to combat unemployment and deprivation.

"Purple Shoots also works to establish self-reliant groups, aimed at people further away from work, helping them to gain skills, gain confidence, save money, and create an income.

"Its strategy has focused on people excluded from gaining finance from mainstream lenders, helping them with small loans, usually between £500 and £3,000."

Now, Purple Shoots is launching its drive for donors, the Purple Spoon Club.

Founder Karen Davies said: "We have a target of £100,000 a year which we need to raise in donations to continue our important work supporting people who are disadvantaged and socially excluded.

"So, we're asking business people to join our Purple Spoon Club, committing to regular donations to allow us to continue our work and support the battle to tackle unemployment and poverty in Wales."

The donations will help Purple Shoots to:

- Keep interest rates low for borrowers.
- Maintain its policy of allowing customers a little leeway if they get into difficulty during the term of their loan.
- Start more self-reliant groups – it can take some time for them to become self-sustaining.

The average loan size is £2,500, and the cost of establishing a self-reliant group and making it self-sustaining is £5,000 – these are the ideal annual amounts which members of the club would give.

Karen Davies continued: "Anyone joining the Purple Spoon Club with a regular donation would be helping people who aren't born with a silver spoon in their mouths, but have potential.

"Every loan we make means that one more person is able to play a part in our economy – we are rebuilding the Welsh economy one person at a time and we need help to keep doing it," Karen said.

"Your support would be acknowledged on our website, you'd get regular updates about groups and borrowers, and be invited to our Purple Spoon Club

events.

"You would also get a special gift – something we're keeping a surprise for our donors."

The first event for would-be donors and sponsors is a business breakfast sponsored by Vale Assembly Member Jane Hutt at The Memo, Gladstone Road, Barry, on January 5, between 8.30am and 10am.

The event will describe the work of the charity, and potential donors will be able to meet and talk with members of self-reliant groups and borrowers.

"We'd love any business owners and managers looking at their corporate social responsibility to come along and talk to us, and find out more about the work we do," Karen said.

Anyone wishing to attend can contact Karen on 07726 599267.

For further information about Purple Shoots, call Karen Davies on 07726 599267 or email karen@purpleshoots.co.uk. See more about the charity on [www.purpleshoots.org](http://www.purpleshoots.org).

## ST CYRES PUPILS' TRIBUTE TO WWI CHRISTMAS TRUCE



Photograph by Paul Rees.

**AT the end of the last school term, students at St Cyres School in Penarth decided to commemorate the Christmas Truces that took place during the First World War in 1914 and 1915 by recreating the games of football that took place between the warring nations at that time.**

In doing so, the school were ahead of *Doctor Who*, which featured the same famous occasion in its Christmas special. Year-11 students lined up

against sixth formers, with each side representing the nations of Great Britain and Germany.

Prior to kick off, team captains Mason Edwards and Rhys Watkins donned authentic First World War uniforms and handshakes were exchanged.

Head girl Jesse Baker and head boy Anush Patel gave speeches outlining the significance of the event.

Referee and history teacher Simon Morris supplied the period brown leather football and the match began.

At half-time music teacher Richard Hopkin played 'The Last

Post' in the centre circle and both sides stood in silence to remember those events of long ago.

Head of sixth form Philip Davis donned German national costume and translated drama teacher Harry Withers' team talk into German for the benefit of the sixth form team.

PE teacher Bradley Courtney-Pinn urged his year-11 team to greater efforts in the second half.

The match was played in a competitive but fair spirit with Great Britain (year-11) winning 3-2. Proceeds raised from the match were donated to the Royal British Legion.

## Councillors' surgery

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## And the beat goes on, one last time, for Chief Constable



Chief Constable Peter Vaughan on his final patrol with son Sergeant Scott Vaughan.

**CHIEF Constable of South Wales Police, Peter Vaughan retired in late December 2017 after 33 years policing service, choosing to spend his last shift in the same way as he spent his first: on the beat.**

Peter Vaughan's career with South Wales Police began in the Rhondda in September 1984 where he policed the communities of Ferndale and Maerdy.

It wasn't long before his potential was recognised, and in 1990 he was accepted onto the Accelerated Promotion Scheme.

This marked the beginning of a policing journey that would see a young police constable from Aberfan rise through every rank of his home force, before becoming Chief Constable in 2010.

Mr Vaughan said: "Being Chief Constable of South Wales Police has been the best job in the world."

"When I became Chief Constable, put simply, my vision was for the force to become more connected with our communities, offer a better service to victims of crime and be the best in all we do."

"To say I'm proud of what the force has achieved since then, would be a complete understatement. Despite the challenges of the Comprehensive Spending Review, South Wales Police has become one of the best performing forces in the country."

"We're now the most visible force, we're consistently in the top five for 'victim satisfaction', we're the best at detecting burglary and violence with injury, we've seen the lowest reduction in front line officers and the list goes on."

"I'm now heading to retirement, but I know that I leave the force in extremely capable hands and in a very strong position. I believe Matt Jukes' appointment as my successor is greatly reassuring and I am confident that he will succeed in taking this force from strength to strength."

"There could be no better way to end my policing my career than as it had begun all those years ago – on the beat. Luckily for me, I was also able to do that with my son Scott on patrol in Ely, Cardiff, alongside a fantastic team of police officers."

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## TINY LIVES RECEIVES £2,300 DONATION

**IN November last year at the parish hall, Dinas Powys, Cymdeithas Gymraeg Dinas Powys Welsh Society held its annual charity evening.**

The charity chosen for 2017 was the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital/Tiny Lives appeal.

The hall was full to capacity and the enjoyment and camaraderie shared among the guests was quite palpable.

We were entertained by the singer Huw Chiswell, who has been a figure on the Welsh pop scene for many years and who has a large fan base,

many of whom were present on the night to sing along with him. The evening ended with some carol singing with every table joining in to raise the roof.

It is with delight that we can report that following our Christmas service at St Peter's Church in December, a cheque for £2,300 was presented to Bethan Simmonds a representative from Arch Noa/Noah's Ark.

The society wishes to thank everyone for their hard work and support.

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## Get 'Back on Track' for new start

**THE new year is a good time to think about making some changes, improving your skills and qualifications, look for a new job or simply to improve your confidence and self-esteem.**

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Get Back on Track

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## A busy end of term for St Richard Gwyn High School



The festive feeling is etched on their faces.

**PUPILS** at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School had a busy final week of term.

As well as Advent services of prayer and carols for each year group, families and friends, the school's charity group, a branch of the international St Vincent de Paul Society, organised a coffee and carols afternoon which raised over £132 for Cancer Research.

This was in addition to the hampers delivered to 45 homes and the parcels passed on to several local charities.

## Brexit 'deeply engaged' with Welsh Government

**ALUN CAIRNS** has denied suggestions that the Welsh Government is being sidelined in the Brexit negotiations.

Facing questions in the Commons, the Welsh Secretary and Vale of Glamorgan MP said the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is largely technical, but the UK Government is "deeply engaged" with the Welsh Government.

He said: "Only a week or so ago, the First Secretary of State and I met the First Minister, and yesterday we had a meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee—in which a further ongoing warm relationship was developing—with the aim of securing the right deal that works for every part of the United Kingdom."

"It is, of course, in my and the Welsh Government's interest to ensure that Wales is well represented."

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A local cause that has received support from players is Rhondda (Cold Knap) Lifeguard Club, which was awarded £1,050 last year to fund voluntary lifeguard duties for people in Barry.

## GREAT BRITAIN ARTICLE STOKES MEMORIES

**I READ your article on the SS Great Britain, with Steven Lord, by interest (GEM December 14).**

I thought that some of your readers might be interested to know that my Uncle Ted (Edward Thomas) who had worked at the Barry gravings docks until they stopped working on ships, later became a foreman on the team of men who rebuilt the Great Britain.

Although he had been born in Cardiff and had

worked in Cardiff Docks, he had lived in Barry for many years where he worked first as a foreman on one of the hoists that loaded the many coal ships that came to Barry. He later went to work for the gravings docks, and found another job when that stopped accepting ships.

He was still working there for at least some of the time that I was in school in Barry (I am an Old Barrian) before I left to go to university in England in 1964.

Howard Jones, Penarth.

# South Wales Police officers recognised in New Year's Honours List

**SOUTH Wales Police Chief Constable Matt Jukes has been awarded the Queen's Medal (QPM) in the New Year's Honours.**

Chief Constable Jukes worked with the forerunner of the National Counter Terrorism Policing network and represented United Kingdom policing at G8 meetings in the United States in 2004. Chief Constable Jukes remains involved strategically in counter terrorism and has had a leading role in a number of high profile operations across Wales and England.

In 2006 Chief Constable Jukes returned to local policing as a divisional Superintendent and joined South Wales Police as an Assistant Chief Constable in 2010 and was appointed Deputy Chief Constable (DCC) in August 2013.

As DCC, he had the task of leading a change programme to manage a £50 million reduction in funding, at the same time as responding to huge operational challenges including the 2014 NATO Summit, 2015 Rugby World Cup and

2017 UEFA Champions League Final.

Commenting on the award he said: "It is a tremendous privilege to receive this recognition but it really reflects the hard working and dedicated officers and staff that I have been so fortunate to work with during my police service."

"Those colleagues continue to inspire me, as does the task of working to protect our communities, particularly those who are most vulnerable. It is an honour to receive this award at the same time as I start a new chapter, serving the communities of South Wales as the force's Chief Constable."

South Wales Police Sergeant Gary Evans has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List, 30 years after his late father Bob Evans was awarded the Queen's Police Medal at Buckingham Palace.

Sgt Evans is the officer behind the Cardiff Community Cohesion Cup which has used football, cricket and cooking to build trust and confidence in the police among black and minority ethnic groups.

"The success of the Cohesion Cup and cooking competition has only been possible because of the support



**Sergeant Evans receiving a divisional commendation from Chris Coleman.**

and hard work of trust with our colleagues, the community, and the command team in Cardiff," said Sgt Evans.

Sgt Evans, who joined South Wales Police in 1988, has served most of his 29-year service in Cardiff along with brief spells in Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil.

"My dad would be immensely proud, as am I, but this moment is also tinged with sadness as I can't shake his hand and say 'Dad, I got one too'."

Divisional Commander for Cardiff, Chief Superintendent Steve Jones said: "This is a truly remarkable achievement which recognises Gary's commitment and dedication to building better relationships and

For the past five years he has worked within the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit.

Detective Superintendent Porter said: "I am overwhelmed to have been nominated for and to have been awarded the Queen's Police Medal. This recognition is such an honour, especially as I am now coming to the end of my service as an officer. I would especially like to thank colleagues from across the UK and internationally who have supported me over the years."

"The QPM is a recognition of my work but for me, it is a recognition of the incredibly talented and creative people with whom I have had the

honour of working with during my career.

"I am proud to have served with passionate people throughout and in many areas of policing. Each has ensured that the public are protected from the most dangerous criminals and helped keep Wales and the UK safe."

Assistant Chief Constable Jon Drake said: "Lee has been the head of the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit through a period of unprecedented demand on police protective services. I am sure that I speak for every one of his colleagues in congratulating him on such a deserved recognition in the New Year's Honours." PS

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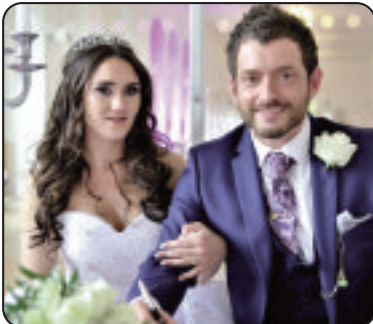
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# Out & About with The GEM

## Will local couple be happy with their big day?



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**FAMILY and friends have been busy over the past few weeks planning the wedding of Trystan and Jasmine from the Vale with only £5,000 in their pockets.**

Welsh viewers can also find out how it all went by being 'a guest at the wedding' and tuning into S4C on Tuesday, January 9 (8pm).

Jasmine (26) knows exactly what she wants on her big day, but will her mother Helen, stepmother Kate and sister India be able to keep her happy?

Jasmine, from Llantwit Major, explained: "I want to get married in a castle and I'd like a fairytale princess dress."

"Trystan is very good with me and is great with my daughter, Maddison, and always puts us first. But when it comes to the wedding plans, I'll show them bridezilla!"

Trystan runs a hair salon in Cowbridge and the pair have a much-loved French bulldog, Prince, who is hoping to make a special appearance on the big

day. Jasmine said: "I'm a dog lover and Prince means the world to us. I want Prince to wear a suit to the wedding so I'll be looking to see if they've bought him one."

Trystan, originally from Aberystwyth, said: "The venue is the most important thing for us. We don't want anything common or tacky. Jasmine wants a big cake. Considering we have a budget of £5,000 to spend, we are asking the impossible really."

The fact neither of them knew anything about the wedding preparations began to worry the couple.

Trystan added: "Although I'm very happy that we agreed to take part in *Priodas Pum Mil*, if Jasmine isn't happy, her face will say it all."

"We both have very high expectations and can be fussy about what we like; everybody knows that."

"I have every faith that the boys will pick something nice for me. I'd like to arrive at the wedding in a fast car and a bright suit with shoes but no socks!"

## Record sale for Oxfam

**THE Oxfam shop in Penarth started its half price music sale on Wednesday, January 3 at 10am. All vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, sheet music and music books will be half the advertised price.**

Anyone who has vinyl records of any genre that they would like to donate

can drop their donations off at the Oxfam shop in Windsor Street, Penarth. They also welcome donations of CDs, music books, DVDs, cassettes, sheet music and musical instruments.

Large collections can be picked up by arrangement by telephoning 02920 706358.

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## Molly's Game well worth playing...

**ARON SORKIN** has a reputation as one of Hollywood's leading screenwriters. But if the Coen brothers' *Barton Fink* taught us anything, it's that screenwriters don't always have the clout and power they should have.

Swayed (or probably not) by this life lesson, Sorkin has now stepped behind the camera to make his directorial debut with real-life story *Molly's Game*.

It stars Jessica Chastain as Molly Bloom, a woman whose dreams of being an Olympic skier were shattered, and who ended up taking on a job as a personal assistant.

When she is put in charge of her boss's weekly poker games, where big money changes hands and the

clientele are the rich and the famous, Molly soon becomes embroiled in the world of poker – and relishes every second of it!

Turning game running into her profession, she is labelled the 'Poker Princess' – but when she is caught up in an FBI investigation, Molly has to clear her name, with the reluctant help of lawyer Charlie Jaffey (Idris Elba)...

Aaron Sorkin has a way with dialogue that is mesmerising. It's densely-packed yet rolls off the tongue of actors with effortless ease.

That he is also able to do this with a camera is a very pleasing development as *Molly's Game*, while perhaps not having quite the same punch as some of his other work, is a fizzy concoction of a film, one that shows both the glamour and the grit of the world of poker, but equally delivers a captivating and hugely impressive lead character in Molly

Bloom.

Bloom may well be one of Jessica Chastain's best turns yet (hints of award recognition have been heavy), a woman who has faced down adversity several times but who keeps on going and is pushed to make the best of herself.

Chastain is a perfect fit for this character, coldly professional yet not without humanity and compassion (she's as quick to stamp out cheating as she is to tell a down-on-his-luck player to leave the table), and she's engaging throughout.

Living off the tips rather than taking a cut of the pot (or 'raking' as the official terminology has it), everything Bloom is doing is just about legal; but when the stakes get higher, the necessity to start to bend the rules becomes the straw that breaks the camel's back, and seeing her tackle this head on is delivered superbly by Chastain, who owns the film.



by **GARETH JAMIESON**  
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Idris Elba is very good as Jaffey, the lawyer trying to reconcile the public persona of Bloom with the one that is sat in his office asking for his help, and bounces off Bloom with a likeable energy, while the likes of Chris O'Dowd,

Kevin Costner (as Bloom's father) and Michael Cera give a bit of heft to the background.

But as much as all eyes are on Chastain, equally they are all on Sorkin's first outing as a writer/director. Script-wise, it has all the hallmarks of his work, the rat-tat-tat dialogue, witty comments replete with sharp ripostes, and his decision to structure the film in a non-linear way maintains the momentum and prevents it from slipping too much into overly-familiar territory.

Visually, he brings an energetic fizz to the film, finally bringing his eye to his own work. It's an assured and confident debut from him, not without some minor wobbles here and there, but Sorkin shows he's more than capable of delivering the goods behind the camera as well as on the page.

As you would expect, the writing drives the direction (the constant

voiceover deftly used to deliver exposition), but Sorkin doesn't scrimp on either.

*Molly's Game* is a fascinating story, and one that is delivered, if not with a great deal of weight, certainly with a great deal of entertainment value – Sorkin and Chastain have played a great hand.

**VERDICT:** Aaron Sorkin's directorial debut is a great success, *Molly's Game* a wonderful showcase for one of Jessica Chastain's best performances yet.

Fizzy and entertaining, yet with a solid narrative backbone, this is a superb piece of work, perhaps less weighty than you might expect, but no less satisfying for it. *Recommended.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *The Wolf of Wall Street* (2014), *The Social Network* (2010).

## What's on and where in your area?

### Valeways walks

**ON Thursday, January 4 at 10.30am, 'Living With Cancer Strollers' meet outside the Information Centre at Cosmeston Country Park.**

Ar Sad 6, 2.30pm, Ar Drywydd Iolo Trai, Neuadd y Dref, Y Bontfaen.

On Sunday, January 7 at 2.30pm, Southerndown circular, starting at Southerndown beach car park.

On Monday, January 8 at 11am, Llantwit lanes, starting at the Railway Station car park, Llantwit Major.

On Wednesday, January 10 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap.

Also on January 10, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

### Toy and train sale

**ON Saturday, January 6 the Cardiff Toy and Train Sale will take place between 10.30am and 3pm at Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff (CF64 2N).**

Organiser Chris Dyer pointed out: "Cogan railway station is virtually next door and many of our customers make the most of this. We now offer more than 120 tables at the Cardiff show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK with stock on offer, old and new with prices to suit all pockets."

"Traders present on the day will be buying as well as selling and exchanging, and will also happily offer free valuations on a wide range of toy and train-related items and without any obligation; they welcome items being brought in for cash or exchange, so do raid your attic, dust off your treasures and bring them along!"

As always, refreshments will be available. For further information call 01643 702757 or 07966 694579; [www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk](http://www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk).

### Age Connects

**DO you live alone and want peace of mind 24 hours a day? The TeleV project based in the Vale aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable people manage the risks of living on their own with a simple easy to use device.**

An adviser from TeleV will be available to chat to and demonstrate on Tuesday, January 9 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment is needed; just come along. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

### Benefits advice

**ARE you living in Vale and need some advice or help on benefits such as Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit, Disability Living Allowance or PIP?**

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service which can help you with any of these issues and help with form filling. A session will be held on Tuesday, January 9 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; just come along between 9.30am and 12 noon. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

### Badge exhibition

**'PIN It On Me', an exhibition of vintage enamel badges from the collection of retired university lecturer and art officer for the WJEC, Robert Griffin, will open at Travellers Gallery, Platform 1, Barry Railway Station, Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AD from January 8 to March 3. Opening times – 7am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday.**

### Cowbridge U3A

**THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Monmouthshire Canal' by Phil Hughes, at 2pm on Wednesday, January 10 in Cowbridge Town Hall.**

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See [www.u3asties.org.uk/cowbridge](http://www.u3asties.org.uk/cowbridge)

### Introduction to Mindfulness

**THIS course will take place at Pencoeed library from Thursday, January 11 to February 15 between 1pm – 2pm.**

During this six-week course we will discover: how simple and natural meditation can be; how to relax body and mind; learn how to use the breath to calm the mind.

Discover and train the 'monkey mind'; becoming familiar with our mental habits; developing ways to integrate mindfulness into our daily life.

This course is presented by Dharma House Wales. All welcome, the course is free of charge.

### Councillors' surgery

**RHOOSE councillors Gordon Kemp and Matt Lloyd will hold a surgery on Saturday, January 13 between 10am and 11am at Celtic Way Community Centre. No appointment necessary.**

### Dementia Friends

**A CAMPAIGN to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia has got the support of a local volunteer.**

Margaret Griffiths is running a free 'Dementia Friends' information session on January 16 and is looking for local people to come along. The one-hour session will take place at Pyle Life Centre at 2.30pm.

Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

Dementia Friends was launched to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding that many people with the condition experience. It's all about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help.

Anyone wanting to attend the Dementia Friends session should contact Pyle Life Centre or sign up at [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

### PACT meetings

**BUTTRILLS PACT at the Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road Barry on Thursday, January 18 at 6.30pm.**

Gibbonsdown PACT at the Residents' Board, Coychurch Rise, Barry on Tuesday, January 23 at 10.30am.

Why not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which will be held every Monday morning (after the New Year) at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting please contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: [www.south-wales.police.uk](http://www.south-wales.police.uk) where you will find contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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# William Danter – a showman with a heart of gold

BY LAURIE OWEN

**W DANTER & Sons' as 'travelling entertainers', were regular visitors to Barry in the mid and late 1890s with their 'penny rides' on steam roundabouts, galloping horses, and swinging boats with shooting saloons and an Alpine Railway.**

This advert from 1900, with its headline act of 'African Flying Ostriches', announced their arrival on the usual site opposite the gas works in Holton Road (probably where the head Post Office used to be).

Apart from the excitement this brought to local youngsters, it invariably meant a bonus for the many voluntary organisations in the district, such as the Nursing Association and Accident Hospital in Kingsland Crescent.

In March 1900, William Danter held a 'village fair' in aid of the 'voluntary hospital' which Nurse Amy

Evans had recently opened for the 'destitute sick'. In another, his 'Alpine Railway, roundabouts and swings, shooting saloon, coconut shies' donated takings to the Barry Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Fund.

In May 1903, hundreds of children enjoyed his rides with all the receipts going to the building fund for St Mary's Church.

Given some of the recent brushes that present-day Henry Danter has had with local authorities, it is ironic how William was summoned for blowing a steam whistle to the annoyance of the public! After agreeing to stop, the charge was withdrawn, but he also breached a UDC by-law with a steam roundabout, then promised it would be removed within six weeks. In a more serious vein, he was fined 1s 6d plus 7s costs for keeping a dog without a licence.

On the occasion of his 'World's Fair', for the first time he brought one of the finest organs



*The advert from 1900, heralding the arrival in Barry of William Danter's latest entertainment line-up.*

to have ever visited the district, able to play both classical and popular music.

As often happened, the finest tributes to the man came on the occasion of his death in February 1902 at Rodney Parade, Newport.

The 'Carmarthen Weekly' referred to him as the "oldest roundabout proprietor and amusement caterer" in south Wales.

He was born in 1836 at Worcester and at the age of 20, the future entrepreneur made his first move. Using the newly-invented 'collodion process' of taking photographs which could be developed "while you wait", he travelled to all the fairs in England.

He then moved into Wales and with funds obtained from his first enterprise, he gradually became the man we

have seen above.

The Barry Dock News called him the leading "travelling entertainer in south Wales over the last 45 years" and commended him for his "generosity to charitable institutions and persons in distress".

The funeral took place in Cardiff, arranged by undertaker John Jones and Son of Holton Road and Cardiff.

There were 20 carriages and a funeral car drawn by four horses, with 50 people on foot at the head of the procession. His widow Jane was accompanied by son John, brothers John and Jos, and four nephews and nieces.

Mention was made of large donations to Newport, Merthyr and Dowlais hospitals and 'explosion funds' for Park Slip, Tynnewydd; Great Western, Cilfynydd; Senghenydd and Llanbradach collieries.

A lifelong sufferer of bronchitis, over his last seven weeks he developed pneumonia and died aged 65.

During my brief research, it was noticeable that the words 'generosity' and 'Danter' featured regularly in the same sentence.



## Local school treats senior citizens to Christmas lunch

**MARY Immaculate High School spread some joy to a group of senior citizens who joined staff and pupils for a Christmas feast as part of their annual festive project.**



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a gift as special thanks for attending. The event organiser, Michelle Jeffery, said: "The event is something that the whole school looks forward to every year. It is a pleasure to be part of and to see people of all ages coming together to enjoy the Christmas festivities. It reminds us all what Christmas is really about."

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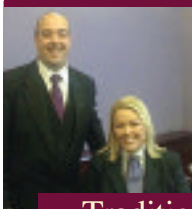
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Funeral service will take place in Cardiff and Vale Crematorium on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 3pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent direct to The Stroke Association, Green Meadow Springs Business Park, Unit 8 Cae Gwyrd, Tongwynlais, Nr Cardiff, CF15 7AB. All further enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF31 3AP. Tel. 01656 653156.

**EVELEIGH**  
**Sheila Irene**

Peacefully on Christmas Eve, at Ty Dyfan Residential Home, Barry, Sheila, aged 74 years, loving wife of Henry, dearly loved mum of David, Karen and Sharon. A devoted nan to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*She will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the funeral home chapel on Monday, 15th January 2018 at 1.45pm, afterwards to Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if wished, for The Alzheimer's Society may be forwarded to the funeral home.

**BROWN**  
**Phillip George**

Suddenly on 21st December in hospital, Phillip, aged 73 years, of Penarth (formerly Barry Island). Devoted husband to Lyn, a much loved dad to Kim and Richard, father-in-law to Nick and Sharon. A dearly loved bampy to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.*

Funeral service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry (where all please meet) on Thursday, 11th January 2018 at 10am. Family flowers only please, donations for Action Bladder Cancer UK may be sent to the funeral home, W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG.

**LIOSATOS**

**Kaisu Marjatta (née Tjeder)**  
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Peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital, Kaisu of Barry, wife of the late George Liosatos, passed away in the presence of devoted children Alexis and Katrina and nephew Jason. Kaisu also leaves behind loving nieces Sonja and Maire and family around the UK, in Finland, Sweden, America and Greece.

*Kaisu was much loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 11th January 2018 at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Macmillan Nurses.

**MITCHELL**  
**Andrew**

Suddenly at home on 22nd December 2017, Andy, aged 67 years. Beloved partner of Jenine, devoted son, father and grandfather.

*Andy will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Friday, 19th January 2018 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 11am. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

**WILLIAMS**  
**Roger Digby**

Peacefully on 26th December, Roger, aged 97 years, of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of Gene, devoted father of Robert, Andrea and Nicola and father-in-law of Beth and Steve. Adored grandfather of Sian and Megan, Tom and Sally, and Harvey and Jasmine.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 15th January 2018 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund (cheques only) may be forwarded to the funeral home.

**DAVID**  
**Michael**

Peacefully on Christmas Eve in hospital surrounded by his family, Michael, aged 73 years of Llantwit Major. Beloved husband of the late Gill, cherished dad to Julie, Sharon and Craig. Adored danda to Bethan, Euan and Lewis.

*He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.*

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service in Llanmaes Church on Friday, 12th January 2018 at 1.45pm, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please, if wished donations for the Stroke Association (cheques only please) may be sent to the funeral director.

**EVANS**  
**Russell**

Unexpectedly after a brief illness on 13th December 2017 at Llandough Hospital, Russell, aged 56 years.

*Sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 1pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**ANDREWS**  
**Pamela (Née Harris)**

Peacefully at Barry Hospital on 19th December 2017, Pamela, beloved wife of Sydney, much loved mum of Carl and Gareth, loved mother-in-law of Jayne, cherished nan to all her grandchildren.

*Pamela will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 10th January 2018 at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

**CURRIE**  
**Freda Doreen**

Passed away peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 25th December.

*Freda will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until her funeral service on Monday, 8th January at 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

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**McCOLLIN**  
**Irene Mary**

Passed away with family surrounding her on Wednesday, 13th December at home. Loving wife of Norman, adoring mother of Chris, Adam and Martin. Adored grandma to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*Will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.*

Funeral Service to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 12th January at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu to The Salvation Army, c/o Ross McCollin, D.G. Attwell Funeral Directors, 95 Eaton Road, Brynhyfryd, Swansea. Tel: 01792 650205.

**ROSS**

**Marcia Barrett (née Kimpton)**

Peacefully on 15th December, Marcia, aged 69 years, passed away at her home in Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Colin, dearly loved mum of Alistair, Sharon and Katie.

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Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 10th January 2018 at 11am. At the request of the family please no flowers and please wear bright clothing. Donations, if wished, for LATCH (cheques only please) may be forwarded to the funeral director at Pembroke House, College Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1SG or via her Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marciaross>

**PRICE**

**Leonard Lamont 'Monty'**

It is with great sadness the family announce the death of Monty, who passed away peacefully at home on 16th December 2017. Devoted and dearly loved husband of Anne, much loved father of Elizabeth, cherished grandfather of Richard and a dear brother to Eileen and Vera. Dearly loved son of the late Walter and Alice Price.

*Strictly private funeral in accordance with Monty's wishes.*

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**MOORE**

**Raymond Cecil**

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*Ray will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 10th January at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Ray may be made to a charity of your choice. Family request funeral attire optional. Margaret wishes to thank all staff at College Fields Nursing Home for the exceptional care shown to Ray and family.

**WILLIAMSON**

**Elizabeth (Née Binmore)**

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*She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Celebration of life to be held on Friday, 12th January at 11am at Our Lady and St Illtyd Church, Llantwit Major, followed by burial at Cardiff and Vale Natural Burial Ground at 12.30pm (stout footwear recommended). Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu of flowers can be made to The Dogs Trust, Bridgend.

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*Diane will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, 16th January. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 2pm. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for P. S.P. (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy).

**DAVIES**

**Michael John**

Passed away peacefully at home on 22nd December 2017, aged 77. Loving husband of the late Joan. Much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather to Joanne, Neil, Bob, Dawn, Sophie, Bryan, Louis and Freya.

*At Michael's request there will be a private family funeral only.*

The family wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all that have helped Michael over the years, especially since Joan's passing and during his failing health.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry, until his funeral on Monday, 8th January. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home by 10am.

**SMITH**

**Haydn Rowland 'H'**

Suddenly at home on 16th December, 'H', aged 77 years, sadly passed away. Beloved brother of Keith, Stuart, Sharon and the late Ron, Paul and Pam. Dearly loved uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

*He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.*

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 11th January at 11am. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support British Heart Foundation in memory of 'H'.

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**Listed Building Consent/  
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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2017/01329/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: New single storey lean to garden room extension  
Location/Lleoliad: Llanvithyn Mill, Llanfarcarn  
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

**Application(s) of General Interest/  
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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2017/01337/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Redevelopment of the former St Pauls Church site (including demolition of existing building with retention of front church elevation) to create 14 one and two-bedroom affordable housing units; multi-purpose community hall (368 sqm); landscaping; car/cycle parking; access; and associated works  
Location/Lleoliad: St. Pauls Church Hall, Arcot Street, Penarth  
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# Hardy souls brave Boxing Day swim!



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*In Barry, it's the New Year's Day 'Dash for the Splash' swim that attracts all the attention, but it is not the only one! The lifeguards at Whitmore Bay organise a Boxing Day swim, and this year, there were some hardy souls who braved the cold wind and the icy waters.*

## Could new housing in Dinas Powys undermine a bypass?

**THERE are concerns a proposed development of 215 houses in Dinas Powys could fatally undermine plans for a bypass to alleviate chronic congestion in the village.**

The plans would see new homes built on land at the former St Cyres Lower School, and local campaigners and councillors argue that the development – if approved – could prove 'fatal' for the Dinas Powys bypass.

The application will not now be heard by the Vale Council's planning committee on January 11 because council officers need to consider 'matters outstanding' relating to the application.

Consideration is believed to relate to the by-pass route and where the St Cyres development encroaches over the intended line of the by-pass.

Roger Pattenden has been confirmed by cabinet member for transport Cllr Geoff Cox as the official representative for the Dinas Powys community on the 'Bypass Review Group'.

He wants committee

members to consider findings in a report by Mott MacDonald into the development which found flaws in the transport analysis undertaken to date.

He said: "Mott MacDonald's report questions the lack of emphasis put onto the extra traffic the development will generate, particularly at the Murch Road / Cardiff Road A4055 junction."

"It says that far from being of 'no material impact' in future years the junction is forecast to be over capacity and will suffer significant congestion and delay."

Cllr Vincent Bailey, who has been working with Dinas Powys councillors to champion a bypass warned that the development would not only add to the "growing chaos" on local roads – it would put the bypass itself at risk.

He explained: "The bypass is part of a regional bid for City Deal money, which shows just how seriously the Conservative council

is taking this project.

"That's great news, but I do worry that this housing development could undermine that progress if developers are allowed to build directly on to the most plausible route for a bypass."

"At the end of the day, the bypass is one of the most important transport projects in the region."

"We need to put that first and I hope that the planning committee take a strategic view on these proposals. The 215 homes would add to the need for a bypass to tackle the growing chaos on local roads – we mustn't let them build in its path!"

Dinas councillor Andy Robertson added: "We don't want to sound too enthusiastic yet, but things are certainly moving in the right direction."

"The council are strongly behind the project as everyone now realises it's not just for Dinas Powys but essential for the whole Vale."

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Local residents enjoyed the lunch, games and a quiz.

## Volunteers do a great job for Castleland's Christmas lunch



**AROUND 30 locals attended Castleland's Community Christmas Lunch on December 15, and had a two-course meal followed by entertainment.**

Centre manager Helen Jones led a team of eight volunteers on December 14 to prepare for the meal, and volunteers from Tesco superstore came in to help on the day, as well as the centre's volunteers.

Helen was thrilled with the event. She said: "Everyone really enjoyed themselves, with very positive feedback on the food, service, atmosphere and entertainment. "We can't wait for



next year."

The centre would like to especially thank Tesco, Morrison's and Greggs for their donations towards the meal.

There were some great raffle prizes donated by user groups and local residents, and people loved the bingo and quiz.

Healthy Heart's social group leader, Colin Burgess, very generously donated a cheque, praising the

centre for its support and community spirit throughout the year.

The community centre, based at Belvedere Crescent, was refurbished in 2012 and is mostly staffed by volunteers.

Helen said: "Our volunteers are key to the success of not only the community Christmas lunch but the running of the community centre.

"We couldn't do it without them giving up their time to come in and help. The centre is a fantastic asset to the community. There's a huge range of classes and activities on offer and new user groups are coming on board all the time.

"Volunteering is a nice way to give something back to the community or to gain some experience if you have been out of work and are looking to get back to work."

If you are interested in volunteering at Castleland Community Centre, contact Helen on 01446 701285.

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## TEA DANCERS RAISE CASH FOR MARIE CURIE PENARTH



**THE Tea Dancers at the Paget Rooms held their Christmas party on December 18, where they gave a donation of £650 to a representative from Marie Curie's hospice in Penarth, for all their good works.**

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our raffle, especially Tesco Express Penarth and the Principality Building Society.

Members of the Monday Tea Dance would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018.

Lynn Bennett

## Probus Club's Christmas 'Festival of Literature'

**ON December 19, Dinas Powys Probus Club held its 12th annual Poems and Pints festival when members are entertained by those brave enough to stand up and recite poems, monologues and jokes.**

This year had a record number of entries, so much so that MC Edward Jenkins had to remind everyone that the four-minute rule would be strictly enforced.

Up first, Peter Massocchi set the tone by describing attending church, but this attempt at piousness was immediately cancelled out by Derek Cousins reciting several rather dubious limericks.

And so the morning continued; Malcolm McQuire told of how an old American lady made a considerable fortune betting on the certain physical attributes of her local male bank manager; John Evans read a letter, all delivered with an Australian twang, from a young Aussie soldier writing home about the wonderful life in the army; Geoff Thomas recounted the story of a man from Pontypridd who emigrated to America.

The entertainment continued with Derry Moore informing the members of a letter he sent to the Prime Minister, aided and abetted by fellow retired police officers in a pub, where he sets out the answers to the nation's problems: increase duty on alcohol to boost

income, better care for pensioners by putting them in prisons where they will get free food and clothes, TV, en-suite bathrooms and wheelchairs, and put the prisoners into care homes, where they will be deprived of all prison comforts. This he called 'The Pensioners' Retirement Plan'.

Keith Worrall told of a particularly lengthy and interesting conversation he had had at a recent garden party with a complete stranger about the development of chemical engineering since 1927. He was especially excited to learn from his new best friend that the whole of an engineering plant in south Wales could be shut down by an engineer using his smart phone while sitting on a beach in the Caribbean.

Other equally enjoyable presentations were made, including one claiming that while the Ministry of Ag and Fish could trace every single cow in the UK, the authorities were unable to find 50,000 illegal immigrants. The answer? Give each immigrant a cow.

After lunch, it was announced that Hadyn Jones was judged to be the author of the best poem, a comment on Brexit, and was presented with the prize as Bard of 2017, and was duly ennobled in the ermine gown.

The meeting closed with the general feeling that this was a year of outstanding contributions from members.

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## Great (Memory) Wall of Barry

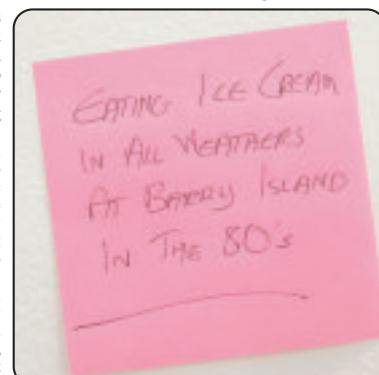
**A MEMORY wall has been created at Art Central, Barry as a way for people to 'share their experiences of living in the Vale'.**

From school swimming days to catching a glimpse of the elephants bathing at the Watchtower, library workers are encouraging more residents to add to the list.

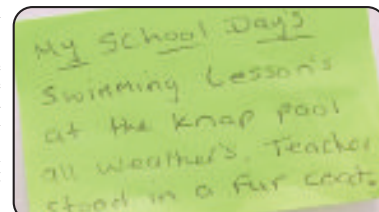
To mark the 10th anniversary of Barry Library and Art Central Gallery in Kings Square, 'Picture the Vale - Past Times' is displaying a fraction of the 3,000 images from library archives and from residents.

A team of volunteers helped catalogue the images, which will be part of a collection held at the National Library in Aberystwyth. The aim is to increase Wales' digital footprint by converting the images online.

The exhibition is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm and will run until Saturday, January 6.



Some of the exhibits by Vale residents.



It's a pity that this writer could not recall how to use the apostrophe.

## Highlight Park WI news

**HIGHLIGHT Park WI had lunch dates in December, including one at the Cwm Ciddy where a large group spent a pre-Christmas lunch together.**

The social gathering brought an afternoon of assembling an orange, a container, cocktail sticks, red ribbon and various fruits and nuts and a red candle.

Under the guidance of Jean Thomas, members made about 34 Christingles. Thanks to Jean for bringing along all the necessary components to make the Christingles and the raffle prizes.

Members learned that the orange and candle represents the world and the light, and various fruits and nuts represented the fruits of the earth. Members ate Christmas cakes iced with a candle design and cookies from June.

Seasonal and comical poems and readings were read out by some members, followed by a noisy quiz.

The Christmas carol concert on December 11 was at St David's Methodist Church at Colcot.

President Barbara welcomed the congregation to the Social Group carol service hosted by Barry WI.

Members of other WI groups, Culverhouse Cross, Cadoxton, Penarth

Peers and Sully joined in to celebrate Christmas together.

The Tenovus Choir gave its time and talents to make this a very special occasion.

Deacon John Brobbey led the group in prayer with a programme of traditional carols and readings from WI members from Barry, Sully and Penarth.

The Christingles we made in Highlight Park were lit for all to see.

A Christmas shopping trip took place on December 1, when 34 Barry WI and Cadoxton WI members had an outing to the Seasons Christmas Shop in Brynnenydd near Bridgend, followed by a visit to the McArthur Glen outlet at Sarn and a good day was had by all.

The Christmas party took place on December 19 when Dave, the guest guitarist, strummed through some oldies and almost everybody got up to dance in a circle in a 'traditional' way.

A super buffet and raffle followed. It was a nice way to end the season and members look forward to next year and all it holds.

Seasons greetings to all WI members and supporting groups in the area.

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## Swimming club receives cheque

**RECENTLY, Barry Beavers received a cheque of £300 from Cadoxton Youth Project at 97 Main Street Cadoxton.**

Pat Finch went to pick up the cheque before Christmas Day, it was very much appreciated as Rita Limbrick and CYP helped collect that amount from all the fundraising throughout 2017.

This money will help pay for use of the pool for the club's swimming gala in March and the club would like to thank both Rita and CYP for helping to fundraise for the club throughout this year, along with raising money for other charities and organisations.



# Barry swimmers start the New Year with a run to the bracing waters of Whitmore Bay

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The New Year's Day 'Dash to the Splash' drew thousands of people to Barry Island.

It has been an annual event at Whitmore Bay since 1984 and many people do it for good causes and even don fancy dress.

It provides a welcome early new year boost for local traders with some visitors staying on the Island for the day.

People began gathering on the promenade for the swim well in advance of the 12-noon dash to the sea. The tide was well out so it was a long run to the chilly waters. Fortunately, the sky was blue and the sun was warming.





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Funeral director's assistant Ben Hartery was delighted to meet some members of the team in their new kit.

## A HELPING HAND FOR YOUNG FOOTBALLERS

**JUST before Christmas, the Vale Funeral Service organised a very successful 'Selection Box Appeal 2017' for the Vale Foodbank.**

But Lyndsay, Nicola, Ben and the staff also want to help young people too.

Lyndsay said: "It's a privilege to support youngsters in the community and we're pleased to sponsor Cadoxton Imps this year.

"We want to thank them for their lovely cards and messages, and hope they enjoy their new kits, beanies and kit bags."

## Looking back to 1988 with Brian Lee

ONCE again, Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene for more than half-a-century, takes a look at his many press cuttings scrap books...

**WITH St Helen's Boy (Llangineir Hunt) winning the Times Championship and Tarville (Gelliger Farmers) the RMC Group Championship, the 1988 point-to-point season was a particularly good one for Welsh horses.**

Other Welsh winners in hunter chases under Rules were *Sweet Rascal*, *Norton's Coin*, *Jack Billmire* and *Final Presence*.

The leading horse was Liza Smithson's *Lisly Lad* from the Tredegar Farmers Hunt. This former inmate of Mercy Rimell's yard won seven men's open races consecutively.

*Lisly Lad's* rider, Tim Jones, of Rudry, became the sixth rider to win the Welsh riders' championship since the competition was first held in 1971.

The others were reigning champion John Llewellyn, of Cowbridge, Mike Williams, Tim Rooney, Ross Farr and Paul Hamer.

Jones rode 18 winners compared to John Llewellyn's 20, but

Llewellyn rode several winners outside of Wales and these do not count for the Welsh Championship.

However, Llewellyn had some consolation in knowing that the 20 wins he chalked-up beat his own record of 19 wins in a season when winning the national title in 1983.

Jones also won the Bill Jones Memorial Trophy awarded to the leading rider in the south Wales and Monmouthshire area.

Tim Jones' sister, Pip, retained her Welsh women's title with six wins. She also rode three winners under Rules and at 19 has a promising career ahead of her.

One of the outstanding performances of the season was put up by Grenville Richards' 14-

year-old *Fixed Price* from the Talybont Hunt.

This grand old warrior, partnered by John Llewellyn, won a division of the men's open race at the Brecon for the fifth year in succession, a feat that will probably never be bettered.

It was appropriate that a Llangibby horse, *Mistress Rock*, has won the George Williams Memorial Trophy for the Williams of Magor, was a keen supporter of the Llangibby Hounds. *Mistress Rock's* rider, Joe Price of Penhow, rode five winners.

Another rider who has good cause to remember the 1988 season is Newport's Richard Williams, who rode his first winner after 15 years of trying.

Two other riders to chalk-up their first winners were Bassaleg's Nicky Williams and Llanbedir's Helen Lewis. Nicky Williams, the 16-year-old daughter of Mike Williams, won the members' race at the Tredegar Farmers meeting at Llantarnam on Jeff Payne's bay gelding, *Rushbeds*.

A junior international show jumper, she works as a secretary to Ledbury trainer Colin Jackson.

It is interesting to note that *Norton's Coin* went on to win the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

More point-to-point memories from 1988 next time - e-mail your racing stories and photographs to brianlee4@virgimedia.co.uk or call 02920 736438.

## On and Off The Turf

**LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams has happy memories of Exeter racecourse.**

Last year she won the closing race there on *Abbey Grey*, trained by her father Evan Williams, and at the same before Christmas fixture on December 21, she did so again, only this time on her father's course and distance winner seven-year-old *Market Road*.

A 4-1 chance in a field of 17 runners, *Market Road* was given a cracking ride by Isabel

and won by six lengths from *Gonna Be Good*, a winner of its previous race.

**HAYDOCK WINNER FOR CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS, who hails from Omore by Sea, saddled Limited Reserve, the winner of the £12,512 BetFred Supports Jack Berry House Handicap over two miles and three furlongs at Haydock Park on the Saturday before Christmas.**

The promising five-year-old, who shouldered top weight of 11st, 12lbs,

was partnered by Pembroke's James Bowen, who won't be 17 until next month.

*Limited Reserve*, who was an odds-on favourite, was headed on the run-in, but got home by a neck, thanks to his brilliant young rider who only joined the paid ranks at the beginning of the season.

The previous running of the race last year was won by the Evan Williams's *Clyne*.

**BRIAN LEE**

# Vale of Glamorgan Football League - the season so far...

**AS we hit the half point of our season's journey, we take a look at the story so far.**

St Athan go into the new year on top of the Premier Division, but with the chasing pack right at their heels.

The decision to cut the Vale's top division to seven clubs playing each other three times was a controversial one met with a lot of concern.

However, it has turned out to be a masterstroke, as it has produced as competitive a league the Vale has seen for many years, with any one club capable of defeating another on any given day.

It has also made the division unpredictable with four points separating first and fifth, with sixth place Island Marine and bottom side Penarth Town more than capable of gaining a couple of good results that could propel them up the table.

Look no further than Cowbridge Town who were rooted to the foot of the table for much of the campaign but a four match unbeaten run that yielded two wins has seen Town spring up to fourth and in unlikely title contention, joint on points with AFC Rhosneig.

Barry Athletic were the pacesetters but a recent poor run

of form after such a good start has seen St Athan take the top of the table spot.

However, FC Barry Belgrade are looming as they sit two points behind the leaders in third with three games in hand, Belgrade unbeaten since an opening game defeat to St Athan.

In Division One, the question is, can anyone stop Sully Sports claiming a first title since 2014?

The answer may well be no, as they sit unbeaten and five points ahead of second place with two games in hand, potentially stretching their lead to 11 points. SP Billy have had one of the best seasons for years as they sit in promotion contention in second and Barry Saints continued their form that saw them earn promotion to the second tier last season to sit third.

Cardiff Airport have found a run of wins to lift them up the league while Cogan Coronation, despite an indifferent run, sit fifth.

Tynwydd and Cadoxton Athletic's erratic form make them dangerous opponents on any given day depending on who turns up, while the bottom three of Cwm Talwg, Cadoxton Imps and Penarth Town B are more than capable of producing the results to lift themselves out of trouble and pull those around them into danger.

Llantwit Major continue to dominate Division Two as the Welsh League club's reserve side have a 100 per cent record in the league and now sit on top after playing catch-up on games in recent weeks.

Cadoxton Barry and Vale Madrid appear to be their challengers, although the latter's early season form has dropped away in recent weeks with one win in five.

BRT Dynamos, AFC Rhosneig B and Island Marine B are all well-equipped to push on in the second half of the season into promotion spots, while Barry Albion, St Athan B, BV and Glenbrook will all be looking for an upturn in their fortunes to start climbing the league.

The new year sees the beginning of the divisional cups, the respected trophies of ASRS, Supporters and Dockers Cups. The Barry Cup semi-finals await in March, played out between St Athan, FC Barry Belgrade, Barry Athletic and Llantwit Major.

The Vale League is alive and well and a thrilling conclusion to the season surely awaits. The league restarts, weather very much permitting, on Saturday, January 6.

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## Bosons wrap up with win

**THE final game of 2017 for the Barry Chess Club was a rearranged fixture away to the Cardiff Pawns for our Bosons team in Division 1.**

The Pawns were looking safe recently, but the relaxation in the nomination rule has seen an improvement by the North Cardiff Cheetahs.

Having lost their first six matches and looking all but relegated already,

the Cheetahs have utilised the Woodpushers players and have won their last three games of 2017.

Although the Cheetahs remain in the bottom three, they are moving up and bringing other teams into the relegation fight.

The Bosons needed a good result to maintain their position in mid table. They duly obtained the right result with wins by Rhys Steele and Dave Parsons.

Matthew Davies, Steve Cunliffe

and Sam Jukes all chipped in with draws to give the Bosons 3.5 points from a possible five.

The Bosons have consolidated their midtable position and at the halfway stage in the season, sit in fifth place.

In an unusual season they are 3.5 points below second place. The Woodpushers lead the way with an eight point advantage and appear to be on their way to their first-ever title.

If they do win, it will end the run of seven successive titles for the Cardiff Castles. Then Pawns will be looking over their shoulders, because they only have a two point advantage over the bottom three.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night, but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

**PHIL JONES**

## Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

**RESULTS commencing December 18:**

**Division 1:** Bakers Dozen 281 (K.James 31), Coppers 257 (D.Nesbit 29); Pila Palas 335 (H.Palfrey 34), Barry Stars 307 (S.Phillips & C.Lambeth 33); Sea View Gals 260 (D.Manning 27), Colcot Ladies 242 (H.Edwards 25); Space Finders 309 (J.Jones 34), Fallen Angels 318 (S.Jones 33).

**Division 2:** Castle Bandits 240 (C.Kerslake & J.Farr 28), Witchil Weebies 227 (K.Nicholas 30); Roller Coasters 243 (J.Fairweather & S.Jones 24), Witchil Widows 208 (L.Sullivan 20); Breakaways 312 (C.Parfit 35), Airways

Angels 283 (M.Carpenter 31); Rhosneig Starlights 246 (K.Bryan 27), Challengers 249

(B.Binding & A.Richards 25); LaBells 347 (A.Chick 34), Sea View Lights 206 (B.Stephenson 32); Special Angels 234 (P.Grisdale 28), Bobby's Girls 206 (L.Evans 27).

**Division 3:** Off the Rails 286 (J.Cattle 29), Uptown Girls 267 (C.Miller 28); Rebels 205 (A.Burrows & S.Oram 23), Little Devils 212 (L.Hughes 23); Rugby Triers 232 (N.Williams 24); Persuaders 237 (E.Gardener 29); Hillbillies 336 (G.Moorgraft 35); Westenders 331 (B.Goddard 32); Sea

View Ladies 283 (C.Griffiths 29), Etcetera 288 (C.Stillman, P.Tumilty and L.Miles 28).

**Division 4:** Liberals 247 (A.Boyd 27), Nite Outers 228 (G.Baker 37); Witches 232 (L.Carey 27), Boozy Birds 141 (S.Vater and C.Connell 21); Livin on a Spare 300 (M.Pring 31), Odd Bods 287 (E.Evans 36); Optimists 224 (K.Eason & S.Pritchard 23), Twilights 227 (C.Thomas 28).

Happy new year to all teams from the committee, the pairs start on January 19 - if you have entered, and you haven't got your dates, please contact secretary assistant Anne Bird.

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## Four-some performance sees Barry Town United record emphatic victory



*Macauley Southam celebrates notching against Prestatyn. ALL PICTURES BY RHYS SKINNER.*

**JENNER PARK** was the setting for a festive goal festival over the Christmas period, as Barry Town United exacted revenge over JD Welsh Premier League rivals Prestatyn, emerging 4-0 winners.

Despite having the edge over Barry in both of their prior encounters, the Seaside made the long journey south in suspect form, with Neil Gibson's squad having endured four successive defeats.

The hosts meanwhile, having recorded a 2-1 win at Carmarthen, saw this fixture as an opportunity to pull clear of the bottom two, while remaining in the hunt for a coveted place in the league's top six.

Attacking the game from the off, Barry went close to opening the scoring when Macauley Southam, James Saddler and finally Chris Hugh combined to set up Jordan Cotterill, right on the penalty spot.

Cotterill would blaze his left-footed effort over the Prestatyn crossbar, yet the forward's pursuit of a first-ever JD Welsh Premier League goal would soon be over, to the delight of the large home crowd.

With less than 15 minutes played, Prestatyn's Zebb Edwards disposed Kayne McLaggon, only for the ball to run into the path of Cotterill, who carried it forward before notching into the bottom corner.

The north Walian had started the game looking to strongarm their way into command, but with

referee Rob Jenkins having little time for their tactics, all the visitors collected were a host of cards, though Edwards was fortunate to get up from a mistimed tackle from Drew Fahiya later in the half.

With Barry's early goal forcing their opponents to change tack, the boys from Bastion Gardens almost drew level when Noah Edwards' goalbound drive was spectacularly saved by Mike Lewis.

However, it was the home side who looked most likely to convert again before the half was out; McLaggon heading wide after an exquisite delivery from Troy Greening to leave the score at 1-0.

In the second half, battling Prestatyn sought to capitalise on any Barry Town jitters and claw their way level; the visitors looking to punish their opponents for failing to extend their first-half lead.

They appeared to achieve their aim when Zyaac Edwards' low shot from outside the area burst through a crowd of defenders, clipped teammate Jack Kenny and ended up in the bottom corner.

However, the linesman's flag would quickly deny Prestatyn that all-important equaliser, with former Rhyl striker Kenny ruled a whisker offside, beyond both marker Saddler and final man Luke Cooper.

Relieved and reinvigorated, Barry pressed forward and, after top work down the right by Cotterill, Southam fired a turning shot beyond Prestatyn goalkeeper Carl Jones to double his side's



*There was delight from both players and fans as Barry notched up a 4-0 win.*



*Prestatyn keeper Carl Jones receives his marching orders after fouling Kyle McLaggon.*

advantage.

Quickly turning provider, the former Cardiff City midfielder caused Prestatyn's Ben Maher a world of problems, before playing in Hugh, whose delivery deflected off defender Myles Hart against the bar.

Barry's third, though, would soon be on its way and it was sparking Southam again who scored it, drilling a first-time finish from Fahiya's pass into the Prestatyn net and completing the unusual feat of having scored with both feet inside a five-minute window.

Three goals to the good, Barry manager Gavin Chesterfield would soon withdraw skipper Saddler, with McLaggon and Cotterill also brought off, with perhaps at least an eye on the fixtures ahead.

Before departing the

field however, there was still time for both players to play a significant role.

Surging onto a dangerous ball over the top, McLaggon would be clattered by goalkeeper Jones, way outside his penalty area, leading to a straight red card in the final 15 minutes for Prestatyn's number one.

Then, after Southam's attempt at a hat-trick was parried by substitute goalkeeper Ryan Roberts, Cotterill was on hand to convert Barry's fourth and final goal of the afternoon from inside the area.

At 4-0, Barry's festive win over Prestatyn (on what was their first ever visit to Jenner Park) was the club's biggest in the Welsh Premier League since a 5-1 thrashing of Aberystwyth Town in April 2003.

More importantly, the result meant that Chesterfield's side

moved nine points clear of the Seaside, a gap that has since widened to 12, with Barry's Boxing Day win against Cardiff Met at Jenner Park.

For the band of supporters who made the journey from Denbighshire to the Vale, successive defeats to Welsh Cup holders Bala Town suggest a tough second phase might await.

Only time will tell, however, if Barry's second phase destiny includes another pair of meetings with relegation-fighting Prestatyn, or matches with Met and Bala, who have both secured their berth.



*The Barry backline keep an eye on proceedings. ALL PICTURES BY JUDITH DUTTON.*

## Barry RFC end 2017 with win over local rivals



*Barry notched up five tries in this win over Penarth, leaving them in fourth place in the league.*

**BARRY RFC** saw the old year out in style as they ran in five tries against local rivals Penarth last Saturday.

Despite a heavy pitch and blustery winds, both sides produced an entertaining game for the sizeable crowd to enjoy before retiring to the clubhouse for a well-earned pint.

It was Penarth who started the game on the attack, moving the ball around but unable to create any real scoring chances.

Barry soon got their game together and pressured the home line with a series of driving lineouts which finally led to Barross gathering a chip ahead to cross for an unconverted try and an early lead.

A series of unforced errors put Penarth under more pressure and Barry again using the forward drive to great effect took advantage of this as Millar got the touchdown for the second try which Barross converted for a 12 point lead.

Penarth fought their way back into the game but were being met with a resolute Barry defence, determined not to let the advantage slip.

However, the Barry scrum began to creak and buoyed by their success in this phase Penarth drove to the Barry line only to knock the ball on

in the act of crossing, but the warning signs were there.

Fortunately, there were only minutes of the half remaining and Barry managed to weather the storm, leaving the half-time score at 12-0 in their favour.

The second half kicked off with Barry having the advantage of the wind, but it was the home side who made all the early running although as in the first period they were unable to capitalise on their possession.

Barry missed a penalty opportunity but stayed on the attack following a clever chip ahead found out the home defence.

Recycling the ball, a series of probing drives put Barry close to the home line where Evans was there to take the pass and cross for the third try which, although not converted, gave Barry a comfortable cushion of 17 points.

A period of Barry dominance followed as again the forwards took control to give them good field position and forced Penarth to concede penalties.

One such penalty saw Barross take it quickly and, when halted, find O'Sullivan as ever in support to cross for the fourth bonus point try which Barross converted to make the score 24-0.

Penarth were to be rewarded for their efforts

minutes later as two quick penalties allowed the forwards to drive over the Barry line for a deserved unconverted try.

Barry got on the attack from the restart and were in home territory where they spread the ball wide allowing Perry to cross for the try to which Barross added the extras for a 31-5 scoreline.

Barry made substitutions and in doing so created a piece of history which saw four O'Sullivan brothers on the field at the same time, breaking the previous record of three by the Scott family.

The scoreline stayed the same for the closing minutes with the final result, giving the Barry side a boost after a couple of lacklustre performances, much needed for the coming weeks where they will face the sides currently above them in the league.

The win moves Barry into fourth position in the table with a tough challenge ahead this week when they entertain Aberdare, kick off 2.30pm.

The club lottery is still looking for a winner as last week's numbers - 03, 17, 22 and 24 - were not matched; this week's jackpot will be £8,100.